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## Teams compete in AuSable Spring Trials



Teams of six people from Oscoda and Grayling traveled the 126 miles on the AuSable River over the weekend for the AuSable Spring Trials Race. Above, Fred Fisher III and Stacey Fifield paddle on the river during their shift in the race. For more on the Spring Trials, see Page 14A.

## Wall display for fallen soldiers to be updated

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

While many people are planning Memorial Day celebrations and ceremonies, a handful of Grayling area residents are piecing together a display that will honor soldiers who died in combat.

Members of the American Legion Post #106 are paying for a glass display shadow box that will be placed in the lobby at the Crawford County Court House, which will house the photographs and memorabilia of local soldiers who died in the Vietnam War and Korean War.

American Legion member Richard Raybuck and Chaplain Art Thayer initiated the project several months ago to find a photograph of Donald Smith, who was killed in Vietnam. A plaque honoring Smith is in the current court house wall display, but did not include his photograph.

"He was the first Crawford County boy lost in Vietnam," Thayer said.



**Donald Smith Jr.**

Raybuck, who worked on a similar initiative researching Civil War veterans buried in the Beaver Creek Cemetery, started the project, but then passed it on to Nancy Stone, a volunteer who researches genealogy at the Devereraux Memorial Crawford County Library.

Stone was able to contact Smith's sister, Donelle Doan, Continued on Page 7A  
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## Middle School's Spring Trail Run sees large turnout

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

If people are saying that kids these days aren't active enough, then the Grayling Middle School seems to have discovered the secret to getting kids in gear.

Approximately 140 racers participated in the Spring Trail Run during the Middle School Fun Day at Hanson Hills last Friday. There was an even larger turnout than at the race's inaugural event last year.

"Last year we were hoping for 30 (racers) and we got 125," said race organizer Brad Wagner, who is the physical education teacher for GMS.

Although this is only the race's second year, it had the popularity of a well-established event.

"As soon as we said 'sign up for the 5K,' there was a line in front of my office," said Wagner.

"The whole point of it was to give the kids a healthy, fun day that used our local resources

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See "MIDDLE SCHOOL'S..."



Around 140 kids participated in the annual Spring Trail Run at Hanson Hills this year. Middle school faculty were invited to participate in the race as well.

## County supports lake milfoil treatment

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, last week, agreed to continue to spend environmental funds to help combat eurasian milfoil on Lake Margrethe.

The board agreed to spend \$2,600 to help the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association treat the lake to eradicate and stop the spread of eurasian milfoil.

Eurasian milfoil is a fast-growing invasive water plant that can grow into heavy thick mats and eventually ruin boating, fishing and swimming.

Lake residents first noticed the milfoil in the south bay of the lake after a boat launch at Camp Grayling was closed because of 9/11 security measures.

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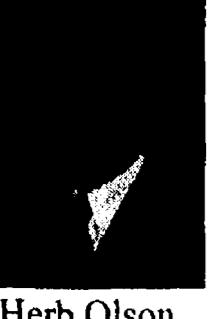
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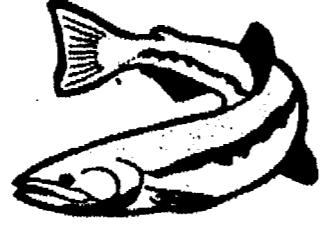
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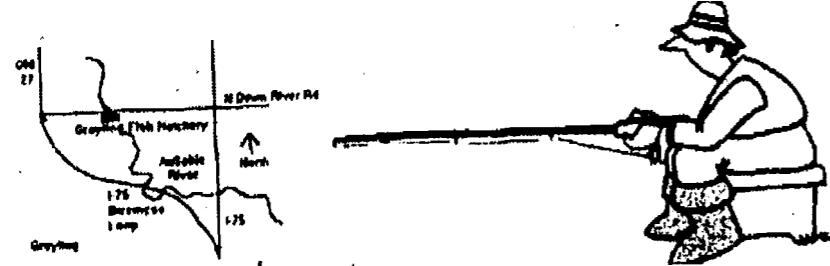
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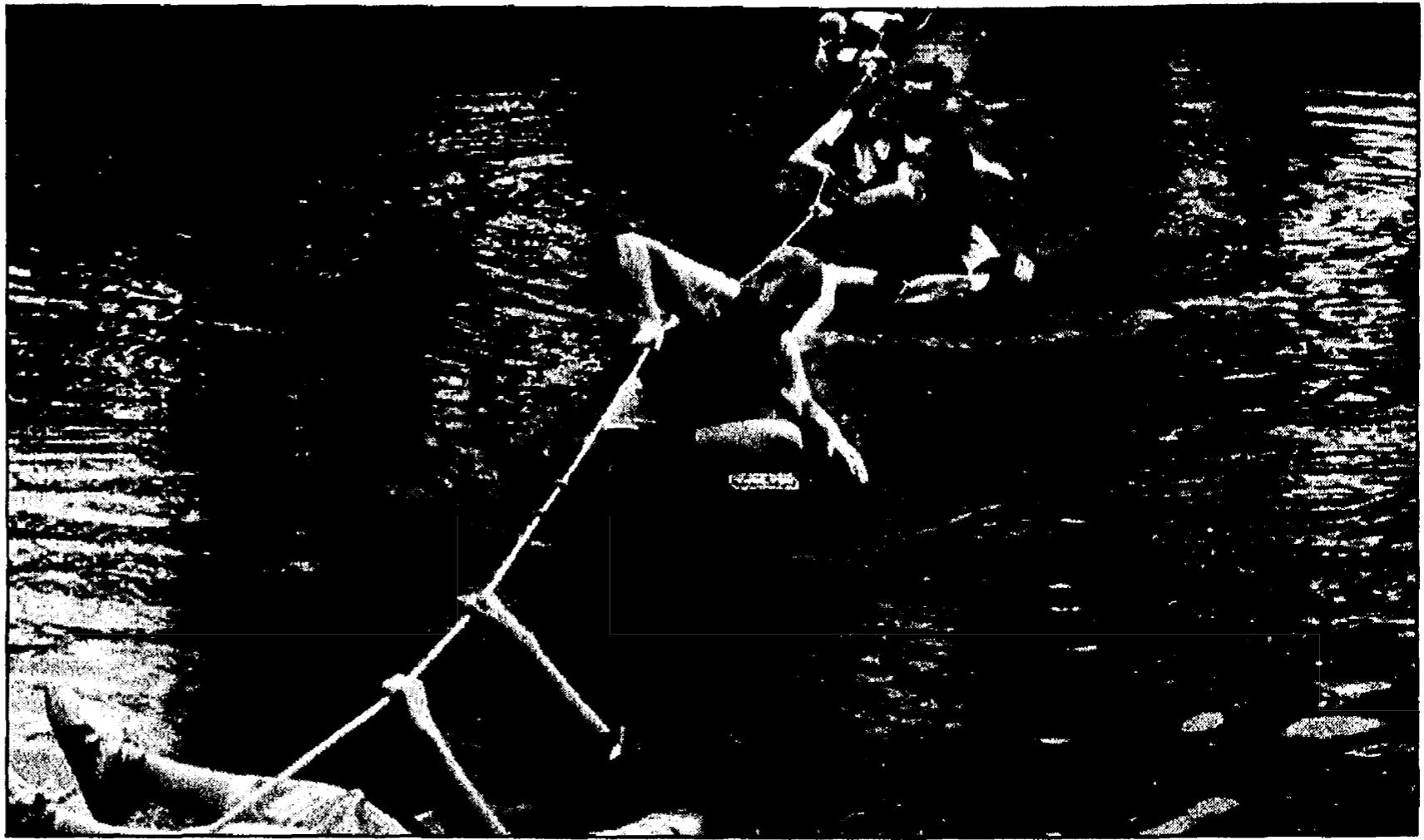
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## Kids' Adventure Race



The AuSable River Rats hosted a kids' adventure race at Hanson Hills on Saturday, May 19. The short course featured mountain biking, canoeing, orienteering, and special challenges that included tubing across a pond (pictured) and a three legged race. Event organizer Chad Swander said that the race is perfect for kids who want to try something athletic but aren't interested in traditional sports. "This just gets 'em out and exposes them to something different," said Swander.

## AuSable Free Clinic nets Blue Cross grant

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The AuSable Free Clinic, which is staffed by dozens of volunteer doctors and nurses to provide care for the uninsured, netted a grant last week to fund operations.

The AuSable Free Clinic received a \$20,850 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network.

The grant will be used to help bolster the clinic's administrative staff.

Jeanne Haffnagle, a registered nurse, was recently hired to serve as the part-time director for the clinic. She replaces Dawn

Coleman, who served as the clinic director since it opened in August 2006, who resigned to pursue other career opportunities.

The AuSable Free Clinic Board of Directors also recently hired Jessica Sanford, who will serve as an administrative assistant performing clerical duties and helping access medications.

"We are glad to have Ms. Haffnagle and Ms. Sanford join the team and I think they will do a good job carrying out our mission providing care for people who do not have health insurance," said Judge Monte Burmeister, the president of the AuSable Free Clinic Board of Directors.

"We hope to continue to grow and meet the increased medical needs of the uninsured in the area in a more timely and orderly manner, lessening the need for emergency room care."

The AuSable Free Clinic is open on Thursdays for a three-hour period. The clinic sees between 15 and 20 patients each Thursday. Clinic volunteers treated their 1,000 patient in August, 2006 as they celebrated the clinic's first-anniversary.

The clinic, which currently

operates out of the professional medical building located at 201 Meadows Drive, will move to the Mercy Hospital campus on June 7.

The clinic will also help obtain no or low-cost prescriptions for an estimated 1,491 uninsured people in Crawford County with the Blue Cross grant. It also serves residents in Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Roscommon counties.

The clinic will also start to provide limited dental care for clients.

The initial assessment will be done at the clinic and we look to partner with the different dentists in the area for the care," Burmeister said.

The disbursement of grants, which were given to 32 free health care clinics, brings the total financial support from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network to free clinics to \$3 million since 2005.

"We are pleased to be working collaborative with a volunteer organization such as the Free Clinics of Michigan," said Kevin Sietz, the executive vice president of health care value enhancement

for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network. "Both of our organizations share a nonprofit commitment to help promote access to health care in Michigan communities. The free clinics are delivering needed services to Michigan residents who otherwise might not have access to health or dental care."

An estimated 1.1 million residents are uninsured statewide.

"The need for free medical care for our uninsured neighbors is greater than ever," said Joyce Hardy, president of the Free Clinics of Michigan and manager of the Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic in Essexville. "Jobs are being eliminated daily across our communities and fewer employers are able to offer health insurance."

"The increase in minimum wage has put many workers in an income bracket too high for government insurance, but too low to afford a private health insurance plan," Hardy added. "Without these grants, many free clinics would be forced to discontinue services as costs continue to escalate."

The grant to the lake association will be funneled through Grayling Township.

Grayling Township had budgeted funds for the eurasian milfoil in recent years, but could not help with the project this year due to budget constraints.

"I think we're very fortunate to have groups like the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association to take projects on like this," Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said. "The minute the invasive species get out control, the lake will be gone and it will not be useable."

Camp Grayling, which owns a majority of Lake Margrethe lake frontage, also budgeted for the project in the past, but could not help this year.

Larry Jacobs, an environmental specialist in Camp Grayling's environmental office, said military installations can be reimbursed with federal funds earmarked for environmental projects, but could not pay for projects in advance this year due to state budget constraints.

"Right now, the state is too strapped financially to even front the money," Jacobs said.

Advocating for the lake project, Crawford County Commissioner Mike Lange said that he believed the county should offer some financial support to preserve the community's natural resources.

"The Guard shouldn't be expected to pony up every year," Lange said. "They're fighting a war right now."

## Spotlight Your Graduate!

Put your favorite graduate in the spotlight by reserving space in the special graduation section for the Grayling High School Class of 2007.

This pull-out keepsake section will feature the Class of 2007 with individual photos and the plans of each graduating senior, plus, photos and articles relating to the class activities and accomplishments.

These pages will be published in the May 31st edition of the Avalanche. Deadline to have your graduation greeting included in this section is Friday, May 25, 2007.

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The lake association has treated between 15 to 20 acres of lake per year to stem the growth of eurasian milfoil since 2002.

Joe Porter, the president of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association, said it would cost about \$5,200 to treat the lake and get a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the project.

The county had \$4,000 left in its environmental fund earmarked for environmental and conservation projects for 2007.

Porter said the lake association

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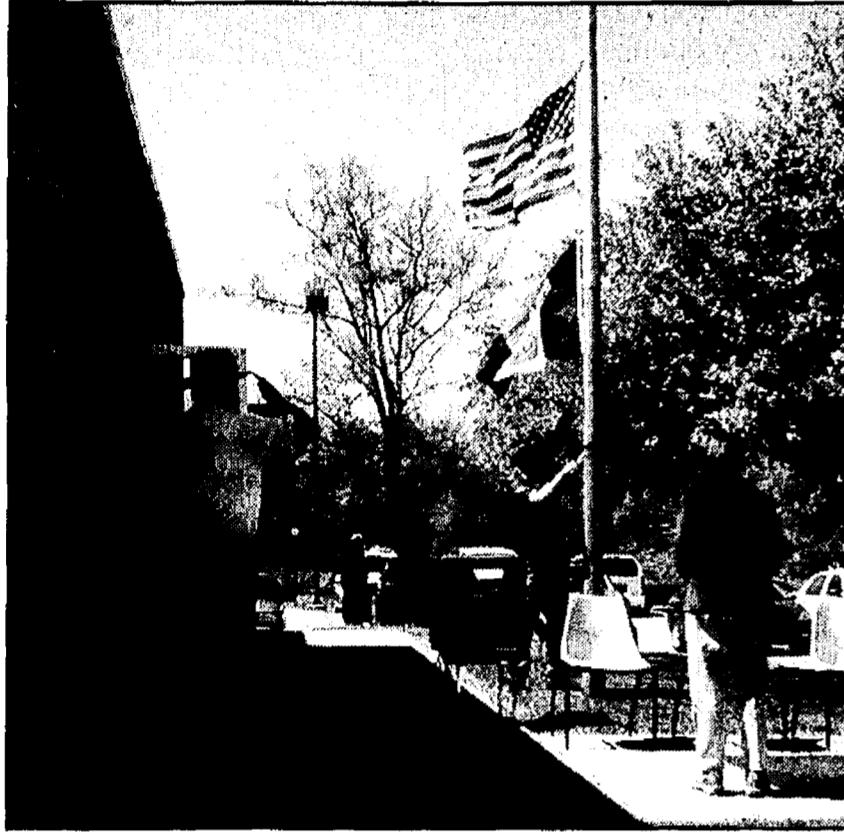
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## Honoring fallen police officers



Photos by Dan Sanderson  
The Crawford County Sheriff's Office held its annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty on Thursday, May 17. Above, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, Grayling City Police officers, and Michigan State Police troopers salute as Taps is being played during the ceremony. Left, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Alexander lowers the flag to half staff during a flag ceremony as Sheriff Kirk Wakefield salutes the flag and Rev. Elizabeth Chace from the St. Francis Episcopal Church looks on. The flag to honor fallen police officers, flying below the American flag, was donated to the sheriff's office by Frederic resident Tom Campeau. The flag will be flown outside the sheriff's office for the month of May, which is Peace Officers Memorial month.

## Suspect deemed incompetent for jury trial

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A 62-year-old Midland man accused of trying to stab a Hanson Hills employee with a knife and assaulting a sheriff's deputy while attempting to resist arrest was deemed incompetent to stand trial earlier this month.

Circuit Judge Dennis Murphy accepted reports from the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, which said that Michael Jesus Archangel was incompetent to stand trial.

Archangel was awaiting a jury trial for charges of attempted homicide and police officer assault-resisting and obstructing.

The charges stem from an altercation which occurred at Hanson Hills on Friday, Feb. 3, 2006.

Darl Large, an employee at Hanson Hills who also works at Camp Grayling, picked Archangel up on Houghton Lake Road near the Roscommon-Crawford County line because his vehicle had broken down.

After getting in his car, Large

said that Archangel put one hand on his shoulder and his other hand on his head, saying he was going to bless him and started talking about satan and angels.

Fearing for his safety since Archangel started making threatening comments, Large eventually made his way to Hanson Hills, and ran inside the offices and told his colleagues to call 911.

When Jeremy Wilds, an Hanson Hills maintenance employee went outside to see what was going on, Archangel told him that he was god, that Wilds was the devil and that he was going to send him to hell.

Archangel attempted to kick Wilds several times, before he got in a defensive position in an attempt to take him down.

Archangel then pulled out a knife and tried to stab him. Wilds was able to avoid the attack by moving to the side and pushing Archangel's arm away.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies Shawn Schnoor and Ryan Swope responded to the

scene, and after a brief struggle, Schnoor said that he saw a silver object in Archangel's hand, which he assumed to be the knife. Archangel continued to charge at the deputies, who had their hand guns drawn, despite several orders to drop the knife and stand still. Schnoor eventually sprayed Archangel with pepper spray so he could take him into custody. Schnoor's knee was injured while he was attempting to handcuff Archangel.

Archangel will receive mental health treatment at a downstate facility. The status of his case will be revisited in the next 12 to 18 months.

On court papers Archangel said he was employed through the United Domains of Heaven. On his Internet website, the United Domains of Heaven is described as God's Supergovernment, making earth's princess and princesses into heavenly kings, queens, emperors and empresses and providing a heavenly currency.

Archangel also said he was

mounting a campaign as a Radical Conservative Republican for the 2008 presidential election.

## GUDA hosts Ugly Tie Contest

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Are you tired of your co-workers ripping on your lame fashion sense? Then maybe it's time to buy new clothes. But before you trash that hideous green and brown tie, consider entering it in the Grayling Uptown District Association's "Ugly Tie Contest." Participants have the opportunity to win prizes and help local charities.

To prove that you own the ugliest tie in the land, pick up an entry form from *The Avalanche* office or participating business. Return the completed form along with a tie and \$5 prior to May 31.

Ugly ties will be on display at several Grayling businesses, including the North Country Corner, the Bicycle Shop, J Dap, Riverland, Flowers By Josie, the Ice House Quilt Shop, the Crawford County Historical Museum and Davis Jewelers.

The ties will be on display at these businesses from June 1 until 3 p.m. on June 16. To vote

for the ugliest tie, drop \$1 in the designated receptacle. All money collected in the voting process will be donated to local charities affiliated with each business. Each dollar equals one vote, so pumping a receptacle full of cash is a great way to tip the odds.

"There's a nice...competitive spirit coming along," said GUDA President Kim Millikin.

Local charities which will benefit from the contest include United Way, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis, the Grayling High School arts department, Grayling Promotional Association, Animal Shelter of Crawford County and Grayling Youth Booster Club.

This Father's Day contest should not only benefit the contest winner and local charities, but Grayling businesses as well.

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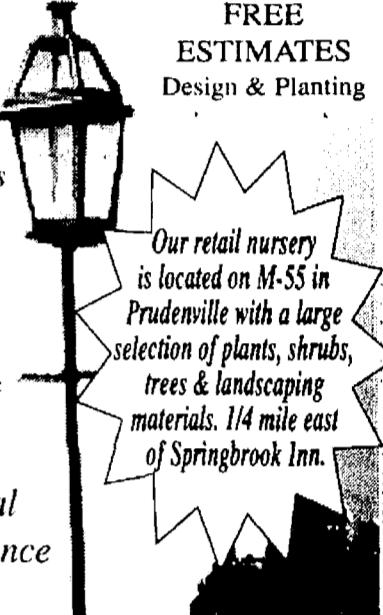
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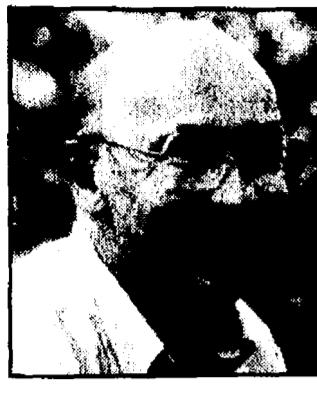
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Memorial Day is just as important as in the past

*(Editorial Note: The substance of this column on Memorial Day has appeared in The Almanack in recent years. The thoughts remain relevant in 2007.)*

"TRAGIC EVENTS America has faced during the past 12 months have added significance to Memorial Day this year."

That's the way our Memorial Day Almanack started in 2002 — the first Memorial Day holiday after the horrific event now generally referred to simply as 9-11. The column reflected on the memory of the more than the 3,000 non-combatant victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist suicide airplane attacks on the United States.

In many ways, events in the Middle East during the past year also have been tragic.

That's also the way our 2003 and 2005 Memorial Day columns began as well, reflecting the deaths of America's men and women in military service who

fell in Afghanistan and Iraq in the earlier days of what has stretched out to be long and bloody warfare, which seems to get bloodier as hostilities go on.

Unfortunately the same introductory paragraph is equally appropriate today.

**THE WARS IN** Iraq and Afghanistan continue. These are far from traditional wars, in the standard military way, but the soldiers and other military personnel who have been killed are just as dead as victims of America's earlier and more traditional wars.

In the non-traditional warfare in which America's military men and women continue to be involved today, more than 4,000 American fighting men and women have been killed and more than 20,000 have been wounded.

Their loved ones know the same sort of grief as victims in a traditional war. Their children are

orphaned in the same way. The injuries of those wounded in today's warfare are just as painful and often just as debilitating.

War is deadly, even non-conventional war. Death is real. And another Memorial Day has rolled around.

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**MEMORIAL DAY**, or Decoration Day as it was originally known, is an American invention. It began in the South in the 1860s, when a handful of southern women decorated the graves of soldiers, both Confederate and Union, who were killed in America's bloodiest war, our own Civil War.

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) dedicated to the Union cause in 1868 selected May 30 for official observance of Memorial Day. Across the South, different states mark different dates for their own individual Memorial Days, with several opting for June 3, the birth date of Jefferson Davis, first president of

the Confederacy.

Finally May 30 was accepted nationally as Memorial Day, but in more recent times even that has been moved around to the Monday nearest May 30 to create an artificial long holiday weekend — which in itself is some sort of reflection on the relativity of American values.

The actual date really doesn't matter to those who are honored. They are just as dead. The significance of the holiday, however, should matter to the living. We should all stop at least for a few moments to think about our own departed loved ones, and especially those who have given their lives in the defense of our country.

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SOMETIMES IT'S easy to minimize or even forget the importance of the role played by soldiers, sailors, marines and other service personnel to our country, our way of life, and even our personal activities.

A poem credited to a Charles M. Province, appearing in the American Legion magazine a few years ago, provides some perspective:

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

"It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

"It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

"It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

"It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag, whose coffin is draped in the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

I hope the author doesn't mind if we extend the credits not only to the soldier, but also to the sailor, the marine, the airmen and women, the coast guard and other service personnel who through the years have taken up arms to defend the welfare of our country.

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AS THIS 2007 Memorial Day message began with words from the first post 9-11 Almanack in 2003, so it now closes with words from that same message two years ago:

"It is too much to hope that one of America's primary goals as a nation in both world and domestic affairs will be to end the spiral of wars and killing that keeps adding more and more names to the ever-growing Memorial Day list of honored American dead?"

"Cannot America find and pursue other ways ... less deadly ways ... to conduct America's world affairs and still fulfill our proper role as world leader?"

There's always hope.

# # #

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## VIEWPOINT

Submitted by the National Guard Bureau Public Affairs Office

### 'Not Forgotten' Memorial Day 2007

This is a day of remembrance. This is a day of honor. This is a day of thanks.

On this Memorial Day, we remember, honor, and give thanks to those who died in service to this nation. Today, we honor all of the brave men and women of our armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the freedom we hold so dear.

In his proclamation for the original Memorial Day in 1868, General John Logan declared that "no vandalism of avarice or neglect, [nor] ravages of time [should] testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided public." Let this day serve as proof that we have not forgotten, and let this day be a promise that we will never forget.

Today, we must remember that we are a nation and an Air Force at war. Our Airmen have been engaged in combat operations for more than 15 years, from the Persian Gulf War to the present conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 3,000 young men and women have given their lives in the cause for freedom, and we add their names, with great sorrow, to the stacks of ledgers that record the names of every lost Soldier, Sailor, Marine, and Airman. These courageous individuals stood toe to toe with our adversaries, offering themselves as shields for America to keep war from reaching our front door. Each of them knew what their duty was, but surely each of them also dreamed of coming home to the people they loved and the lives

they cherished. We are forever in their debt for putting themselves in harm's way so that we may live in peace; we are in the debt of young fighters like the Tuskegee Airmen who gave their lives in World War II.

This year also marks the 65th Anniversary of the raid on Japan during World War II by the Doolittle Raiders. At a time when America's morale had slumped from numerous Japanese successes, the brilliant strike by these men boosted American morale and served as a critical turning point in the war. The Doolittle Raiders attacked Japan knowing they would not have enough fuel to return to their designated airfields. One by one, they ditched at sea, bailed out, or crash-landed in China. Though most safely reached friendly forces with the help of the Chinese, several lost their lives that day.

Stories like those of the fallen Tuskegee Airmen and Doolittle Raiders fill the annals of military history. Some of these stories are well known, and others are known only to those who served alongside them. These stories are testimony to the courage, professionalism, and sheer determination with which our men and women carry out their duties.

Today, we are faced with the grim reality that the number of fatalities in the War on Terror has surpassed that of the September 11th attacks. But our mission remains steadfast: supporting the Iraqi people and their armed forces in their battle with insurgents, so that a free and stable government can take root and sur-

vive.

Every loss is a loss to our nation, a loss to our military, and, most importantly, a loss to the families who grieve. As we gather to honor the memories of the fallen, a piece of us struggles to understand the meaning of such sacrifice and loss. But when we look up and see our flag, our banner of freedom, soaring high; when we see our children playing innocently in the streets; practice the faith of our choice; when we head to the polls without threat of violence and take part in the democratic process; when we exercise any of the freedoms we possess, we are reminded of that meaning.

We are not able to return each of the fallen to their families or erase the pain their loved ones suffer. We can only show our gratitude and hope that the anguish of these families is tempered by the knowledge that their loved ones died for a noble cause.

Today, we say, "Thank you," to families like that of Major Troy Gilbert.

Major Troy Gilbert's life epitomized the core values of "Service before self." On the day he died, Major Gilbert led a flight of two F-16s in an aerial combat mission near Taji, Iraq. On the ground, insurgents were unleashing truck-mounted heavy machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades, small arms fire and mortars to attack coalition troops. In addition, a downed Army helicopter crew was in danger of being overrun. Engaging the enemy meant certain anti-aircraft fire for Major Gilbert, but despite the danger, he went after the insurgents.

Despite enemy fire, Major Gilbert continued to press the insurgents with a strafing pass at extreme low-level to help save the lives of the helicopter crew and other ground forces. He lost his life on that strafing pass when his aircraft hit the ground.

Our men and women in uniform are our most powerful line of defense in the current conflict against terrorists and extremists. It is our responsibility to make sure that those that do not return are not forgotten.

On this Memorial Day, at 3 p.m., wherever you are, be sure to pause and participate in the National Moment of Remembrance established by Congress. This is a moment of reflection and an opportunity to demonstrate your gratitude for those who died for us.

Let's continue to make sure these heroes are never forgotten—on this day and every day.

## EDITOR

### Outraged at price increase

To the editor:

I am writing to express my outrage at the increase in price for this summer's Camp Grayling Air Show. By raising the price from \$15, which is affordable to most Crawford County residents, the \$45 is making the show too expensive for many who looked forward to it. The excuse of enlarging the event by adding bands/entertainment from downstate does not warrant the 200 percent increase. The joy of the air show was the "air show." The 200 percent

increase in price is not purchasing 200 percent more entertainment.

I am employed at a business which serves a significant cross section of Crawford County residents during the course of the business day. My customers have loudly voiced their dismay at the increased cost of the air show. A couple would have to spend \$90, a family of four \$143. Effectively, this puts the expense of the show out of reach for many residents.

If a "rock and roll country

music festival" was the intent, why combine it with the air show? The additional \$30 is rolled into the original \$15 cost of the show. Many want only to see an air show and object to paying the additional expenses for entertainment that they don't want to see.

If you are expecting to see a crowd of 40-70,000, with the steep prices, few in that crowd will be from Crawford County.

Deanna Miller  
Marianne Broskey  
Grayling

### Hold a volunteer cemetery day

To the editor:

In the Village of Roscommon, we have never had perpetual care for our cemetery. We have been dependent on families of the deceased to keep their own plot decorated and cleaned up. We do, however, contract for mowing service. This year, we decided

to do some "community service" by posting a notice in our local paper for Volunteer Cemetery Day. Many people involved, including Glen's Market, contributed food, so we could offer lunch to participants. We also provided leaf bags and had them hauled away. The

cemetery looks very nice and we had a super group who provided fellowship, while doing a much needed project for the Village of Roscommon. It is worth a try in Grayling.

Joan L. Murphy,  
President pro-tem  
Village of Roscommon

### Frustrated at others for not keeping up home and yard

To the editor:

"Hooray" for Gayle McClain, my thoughts exactly!

At 76 years of age, I work very hard to keep up on my yard and home and get frustrated when

others don't.

We have a large grant to beautify the uptown, I'm sure the new sidewalks, trees, etc., will look nice in front of empty buildings.

If we fine people for not obey-

ing ordinances, maybe we could get enough money to take care of the cemetery.

Sally McPherson  
Grayling

### Article concerning proposed property was not accurate

To the editor:

Thank you for your very nice article concerning Grayling Township's proposed purchase of a five-acre parcel of land for a fire department substation.

The article was accurate in every way, except the purchase price is not \$19,000, it is \$1,900. That's a big difference and the taxpayers footing the bill should know. \$1,900 for five-acres is a good bargain. This property will make a great location to expand our fire services when the time is right.

Terry R. Wright  
Grayling Township Supervisor

### Avalanche Sets Early Deadline

#### Deadlines For Memorial Day

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day, and will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 29.

The deadline for display ads for the May 31 issue is Thursday, May 24, 5 p.m. Letters to the Editor must

be submitted by noon, Friday, May 25. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday, May 29 noon.

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# BRIEFS

## COA to hold hot dog sale

The Senior Center will hold a hot dog sale on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26, outside the Dollar General store between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The price of a hot dog and drink will be \$1. For information call 348-7123.

## Hartwick Pines to start summer programs

Hartwick Pines will have Old Growth Forest Tours and interpretive programs at the Logging Museum throughout the Memorial Day weekend. There will be evening programs at the campground or Logging Museum on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 25-27. Call the visitors center at (989) 348-2537 for details.

## Church to hold Rhubarb Social

Bear Lake Christian Church, will be holding its 9th Annual Rhubarb Social on Sunday, May 27, from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. The church is located 12 miles east of Kalkaska, and 12 miles west of Grayling on M-72. The event is held rain or shine, and is sponsored by the Bear Lake Christian Church's Women's Group. All proceeds will benefit the ministries of the church. Live gospel Bluegrass music will be provided.

## GHS Baccalaureate to be held

Grayling High School will hold its Baccalaureate Service (religious service), on Wednesday, May 30, at 7 p.m., in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Seniors, family and friends are invited to attend to honor this year's senior class. Baccalaureate is planned by Grayling High School seniors and assisted by local area pastors.

## County Historical Museum to open

The Crawford County Historical Museum will open Wednesday, May 23. The museum will be open Wednesday's through Saturday's from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. throughout the summer season.

## Child care information session to be held

A Child Care Information Session for anyone interested in becoming a licensed/registered child care provider will be held at the Otsego Public Library, May 29, from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. If interested, contact Nancie Kersey at 989-731-3140, before May 25.

## Memorial Day service to be held

The 3rd annual Memorial Day service at The Evan Turner Soldiers Memorial, corner of Chestnut and Ogemaw Streets, will be held at noon, on Sunday, May 27. Special recognition will be given to Wayne and Rosemary Nelson. Bring blankets and picnic baskets for after the service.

## Matrix to host band from Battle Creek

The Matrix youth center, 6441 W. Pine Point Rd. (back side of Route 72 Auto Wash) will host the band ONEYECRY from Battle Creek, on Saturday, May 26. The cost is \$3, doors open at 5 p.m., concert begins at 7 p.m. Pool, ping pong, foosball and a snack bar will be available. For information, call 348-2025 or go to myspace.com/the\_matrix49-1.

## Kiwanis meeting to have guest speaker

The Kiwanis Club, will hold a meeting at noon, on Thursday, May 31, at Grayling Country Club. Alice Snyder, director of Commission on Aging, will be the guest speaker and will discuss the senior food program. Kiwanis welcomes guests to join for the lunch and the talk, especially those of other organizations who may be willing to offer solutions to the problem.

## VFW Post to hold Memorial Day observance

On Monday, May 28, the VFW Post 3736, will hold a Memorial Day observance at the Frederic Cemetery, at 10:45 a.m. Following that, an observance will be held at the Maple Forest Cemetery.

## Ausable Adventure Motorcycle Rally

The Michigan National Guard Family Support Fund (NGPSF) and ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) will again be the recipients of a national fund raising effort sponsored by the Ausable Adventure Motorcycle Rally located in Grayling, Michigan at historic Wellington Farm Park. The Rally, which is scheduled for June 22-24, is selling "Supporting our Military Families" pins for \$10 each. Biker vest (lapel) pins will also be available for \$5 each. This fund raising effort will benefit the National Guard and their families statewide.

The Michigan National Guard Family Fund was created to assist Air and Army National Guard families who experience financial difficulties with temporary emergency financial assistance, and to fund programs and training to improve the quality of life of Michigan National Guard families. Participation in the Ausable Adventure Rally provides additional funding for programs, including emergency grants, the National Guard Youth Camp, and Unit Reunions following periods of mobilization. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Family Program Office, 517-481-8358 "Family First, Mission Won".

The Michigan Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is the Department of Defense agency tasked with gaining and maintaining employer support for those who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. ESGR provides education, consulting, and mediation services for Guard and Reserve members and their employers. The Committee conducts a variety of Employer Outreach Programs, Unit Liaison Services, and has trained Ombudsmen to help

## Grayling area road study seeks public preferences

Traffic in the Grayling area is again the topic of a public workshop on May 24, 2007, at the Grayling Library (Devereaux Memorial Library). The workshop begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m., with a structured presentation at 5:30 p.m. Citizens present during the presentation will be asked to vote on their preferences and choices, while those seeking less structure can come anytime and express their concerns on a written survey form.

The study area includes a portion of Crawford County, all of the City of Grayling, portions of Beaver Creek, Frederic, Grayling and Maple Forest Townships, and a small portion of Roscommon County. The Steering Committee includes representatives from Crawford County, the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP), Camp Grayling, the City of Grayling, Beaver Creek Township, Grayling Township and MDOT. Existing and future traffic congestion and safety concerns are being examined.

This is the second of four public meetings planned for the 9-month long study; the first meet-

## Grayling Summer Music Series begins in June

The 2007 Summer Music Series, presented by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, will kick off the 4th Annual Summer Music Series on Thursday, June 21, on the lawn of Citizens Bank.

Thursday, June 21, local favorites, The Wise Guys will perform from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Originally formed as the "High Society Wise Guys" in 1983 with two sets of brothers, they have recently been playing as the two-some of Jack Beckwith and Thane Doremire.

"The Wise Guys always provide a good show and play many classic rock and R&B hits as well as Blues favorites," said Chamber Director, Tim Zigila.

On Monday July 16, Big Rand & Company, will be back from Traverse City, featuring "Classic Rock" from the 60's, 70's and 80's. This is a special Monday night edition for the Michigander Bicycle Tour coming through

ing was held in December, when residents were asked to offer their general comments and concerns for traffic in the area. Based on those responses, preliminary goals and objectives will be presented at this second meeting along with existing traffic conditions and the results of traffic studies and analysis conducted within the study area.

This project was organized by the CCEDP and is being managed by the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, a regional governmental agency that provides land use and transportation planning services to area communities. Assisting them with the study is URS Corporation, an international traffic engineering firm with offices in Traverse City. A landscape architecture firm from Traverse City, R. Clark Associates, is assisting, along with LSL Planning, a community planning consultant with offices in Grand Rapids and Royal Oak. Representatives from each of these organizations will attend the public workshop.

Information on the Grayling area traffic study is available on the Internet at [www.nemcog.org](http://www.nemcog.org) or by calling (989) 732-3551.

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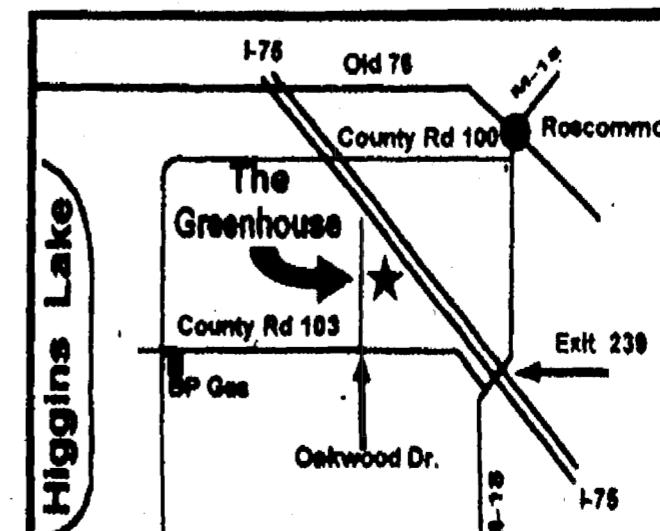
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# The Bible Speaks

## Saved Only By Christ

This doctrinal summary of justification started in Romans 5:12: "12Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Then in verses 13,14 we were taught that the universality of sin and death is because all have sinned in Adam. Then in verses 15-17 we studied the contrasting analogy between the fall of Adam and justification through Jesus Christ. In verse 15 Adam's offense and death are contrasted with God's free gift of grace through Jesus Christ. In verse 16 Adam's sin, judgment, and condemnation are contrasted with God's free gift of justification assuring forgiveness of both the sin of Adam and our own many offenses. In verse 17 Adam lost his reign on earth to sin and death in contrast to those who receive God's grace and gift of righteousness to reign in life only by Jesus Christ.

Now in verses 18 and 19 the subject returns to the original theme of Romans 5:12. "18Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift

came upon all men unto justification of life. "19For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

Just as Adam was the federal head of the human race who by his sin, judgment, condemnation and death placed these imputed evils upon us, even so, the righteousness of Jesus Christ is imputed to all who are justified by receiving God's gift of salvation through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

As we are told in 1 Cor. 15:22: "22For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." All of us were born in the flesh and therefore were born in Adam facing death. All who are born again through faith in Jesus Christ now possess eternal life. As Jesus said in John 8:24: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." There are only two ways to die and face eternity, either you die in the Lord Jesus Christ or you die in your sins. As Revelation 14:13 says: "13And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow

them." Those who die in the Lord are blessed, those who die in their sins are cursed.

The only ground or reason we can have forgiveness of sin, imputed righteousness, and eternal life is in Jesus Christ. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." (Eph. 1:7). "24Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." "21For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor. 5:21). "30But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." (1 Cor. 1:30). "12Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). "13For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13). Are you saved today? Pastor "B"

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Pastor David Jorgenson  
Phone 989-348-9099  
Services held Saturday at  
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**Saturday Church Service** ..... 9:30 am

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**Sunday School (youth & adult)** ..... 10 am

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**Early Service** ..... 8:30 am

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**Sunday Worship** ..... 11 am

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701 S. 1-75 Business Loop

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**Sunday Service** ..... 11:00 am

**Tuesday Bible Study** ..... 7:00 pm

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# Five Generations



Five generations shown here are: Alice Britton (great-great grandma), JoEllen Schwartz (great grandma), Scott Schwartz (grandpa), Brandy Cross (mother), and Wyatt Scott Cross.

# OBITUARIES

## Dennis A. O'Toole

May 12, 1947 - May 18, 2007

Dennis Allen O'Toole, 60, of Frederic, passed away on May 18, 2007, at Northern Michigan Hospital, after a long battle with C.O.P.D.

He was born in Mt. Morris, on May 12, 1947 to Raymond and Gabrielle (Hoornaert) O'Toole.

He married Barbara Ann Horton on October 18, 1969, in Clio.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, baking, canning and woodworking. He especially loved his precious dog, Coco.

He is survived by his children: Dennis (Diane) O'Toole of Frederic, Nickcole (Mike) Martin, and Jayson O'Toole, both of Frederic; four grandchildren: Nickolas Martin, Gage O'Toole, Kaelyn O'Toole; mother; sister, Michelle of Lansing; brothers: Dave (Penny) O'Toole, Theron (Cindy) O'Toole, Brian (Chris) O'Toole; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond.

A family service was held on May 19. Condolences may be sent to the O'Toole/Martin family at 6498 Cheboygan St., Frederic, MI 49733.

## Wilbur Sellers

April 27, 1923 - May 14, 2007

Wilbur "Bill" Sellers, of Lillian Ala., formerly of Grayling, passed away on May 14, 2007, at Pensacola West Florida Hospice Hospital.

He was born on April 27, 1923, in Detroit. He served in WWII.

He married Lila Golnick on March 12, 1988. They were married for 19 years.

Bill was an excellent craftsman, and enjoyed working and building with wood. Friends and family enjoyed his humorous storytelling techniques. He and Lila traveled throughout the United States and Canada.

He is survived by his wife, Lila; children: Mark (Kay) Golnick, Deb Lemaster, Pam (Jeff) Prause, Jeff (Angie) Golnick, all of Grayling, Todd (Sheryl) Golnick of Cadillac, Kay (Tracy) Fagan of Traverse City, Lynne (Ron) Ibbetson of West Bloomfield Hills, Denise (Abdullah) Baumdiene of Troy, Sandi (John) Gill of Grand Rapids; grandchildren: Shelby, Hannah, Samantha, Jason, Alyssa, Dustin, Dylan, Paige, Brady, Dean, Jessica, Mollie, Zach, Adam and Jeffar.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 241, Lillian, AL 36549.

## Card of Thanks

We would like to take this time to thank all our family and friends for their kind words, flowers and cards during the loss of our son and grandson, Tyson Herrick.

John and Janel Herrick and family,

Duke and Carol LaMotte and family

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# Local men cook up a feast



The "Men Who Cook" event took place at the Camp Grayling Officer's Club on Saturday night. Pictured, from left: Randy Thompson, Skip Madsen, Dave Borkowski and Tim Zigila. Dinner ticket sales raised around \$2,200 to support the AuSable River Festival. "It really helps cover some of the additional costs of advertising that we have putting on the event," said Zigila.

## Wall display for fallen soldiers to be updated

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who lives in California, by tracing military and family records.

"It really brought history back to the library and showed the sacrifice that these men made," Stone said of obtaining the information.

Smith, the son of Dorothy and Donald Smith, was born to Detroit, but moved in Crawford County a short time later. Smith grew up in the area and attended grade school in Grayling.

The Smith family operated a gas station and restaurant located off of Old 27, but shut down the business when I-75 was constructed due to lack of traffic.

### Middle School's Spring Trail Run sees large turnout

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(for free.)

The overall first place finisher was eighth grade student Corey Kiessel.

"I just went at the same pace the entire time," said Kiessel, who added that the hardest part of the course was going up the hills. Kiessel also said he plans on running for the high school next year.

The top runners by sex and grade are as follows:

Eighth grade female: 1st, Iva Haven (23:40), 2nd, Peggy

## LIBRARY NEWS

Who is Detective Devereaux? and where in the county is Crawford the Cat? What do they both have to do with the 2007 Summer Reading Program? For answers to these mysterious questions you must "Get A Clue@ Your Library."

Sign up will be starting June 1, at all Crawford County Library branches and pick up your Official Top Secret Casebooks too.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc.

The Partnership for Paws Raffle winners for May 21 of \$750 was James Zelley and Sue Isbell, \$250 was Jana Yockey, \$100 was Carole Eckardt, and \$25 was Alexandria Robson.

The family relocated to the Detroit area.

"When you're in dire straits, you have to do something else," Doan said.

The Smith family maintained their home in the community.

"We were up there almost every weekend and holiday, and that was our getaway from Detroit," Doan said.

Donald Smith graduated from Hazel Park Schools. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in July 1966.

Smith, 20, was killed while completing one of his first assignments in Vietnam. Smith's mission was to search small caves for the enemy. He cut his

hand on his bayonet. Smith was being transported for medical treatment, when the plane he was flying in crashed into a mountain. Smith died on Oct. 3, 1966.

"He was one of the finest men you would ever meet," Doan said. "He's sorely missed to this day."

Smith was laid to rest in the Beaver Creek Cemetery, where his parents are also buried.

Carl Henry Nielson, a retired carpenter and an American Legion Member, is building the display, which will protect the memorabilia and photographs.

Doan hopes to travel to the

community once the display is in place.

"I was very excited to hear that Donald was going to be recognized," Doan said.

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Seventh grade male: 1st, (22:33).

Devon Dawson (19:37), 2nd, Craig Collen (20:09), 3rd, Griffin Dean (22:09).

Sixth grade female: 1st, Joe Hamlin, (25:12), 2nd, Nicole Chad (27:30), 3rd, Rachel Jensen (28:24).

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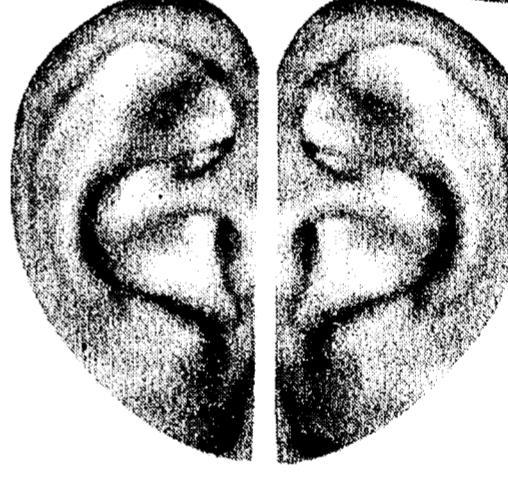
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## Andre and Litzner win Mad Rush adventure race

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Although this might come as a surprise to some area residents, there are many people who associate Crawford County with the word "adventure." This list most likely includes anyone who participated in the Moosejaw Solomon Mad Rush on May 12, which saw 25 teams of adventurers completing a trek across Crawford and Kalkaska County on foot, bike and canoe starting at Hanson Hills.

"The course proved to be tough," said race organizer Chad Swander. He and his partner, Jim Laurent, run River Rats Adventure Racing, the organization that hosted the event.

Racers covered approximately 60 miles, depending on the quality of their navigational skills. The entire race is completed in a single day, with this year's winning team finishing in just nine hours and 33 minutes. No wonder it's called a "mad rush."

"Great paddling legs and tough courses are kind of our benchmarks that we've set for ourselves," said Swander.

"The weather conditions were perfect," said Swander. Participants were greeted with clear skies and cool air. Although local weather patterns were willing to give racers a break, Swander offered no compromises.

"Nonetheless, he added that it will not be easy to topple the current kings of the adventure circuit."

"With every race they do, they learn more and become stronger...it's going to take somebody working their butt off to catch them at this point."

Andre and Litzner are sure to face plenty of stiff competition in the coming races, however, as the sport is attracting new adventurers all the time.

"The popularity of the race is increasing...at a pretty incredible pace compared to most other sports," said Swander.

Even more impressively, the Grayling area is quickly establishing itself as a mecca for adventure racing.

"We probably have one of the largest concentrations of top quality adventure racers per capita of anywhere in the state," said Swander.

"We're starting to get a reputation for producing some pretty good adventure racers."

As the number of adventurers grows, the number of events held each year increases as well. The Mad Rush was already the seventh race of the year in Michigan.

For complete race results, including detailed information about checkpoint times, visit the River Rats website at [www.RiverRatsAR.com](http://www.RiverRatsAR.com).

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# Hunting the Michigan morel

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

There's nothing like the thrill of the hunt, especially when the hunt doesn't involve permits or traveling any further than the nearest patch of woods. Maybe that's why picking morel mushrooms is so popular in Northern Michigan. Then again, the flavor might have something to do with it.

Whether you're interested in picking morels to eat or to give to your favorite relative, this beginner's guide from The Avalanche is the perfect place to start. To learn the secrets of hunting Michigan's famous morels, we turned to the experts at Hartwick Pines. Park Supervisor Jon Gregorich recently hosted a morel hunting expedition at the park. The Avalanche was on hand to pick up all the tricks we could to aid our readers in their search.

According to Gregorich, the number one rule for dealing with morels is simple: "When in doubt, don't eat."

This rule is an important place to start, because it is key to remember that many Michigan mushrooms are poisonous and sometimes even deadly. There are poisonous mushrooms that look very similar to morels. These are sometimes called "false morels."

Guidebooks and reference photos can be helpful for avoiding false morels, but if you are new to mushroom picking, nothing can replace an expert guide. So when you go off into the woods for the first time, be sure to bring an experienced friend.

Fortunately, this cautionary note only applies to eating, according to Gregorich; no Michigan mushrooms are poisonous to the touch; poisonous mushrooms are only dangerous if ingested. This means morel hunters can feel free to leave the latex gloves at home.

Morel season is in May; the standard rule of thumb is that

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they mostly grow two weeks before and two weeks after Mother's Day. There are exceptions to this rule. Gregorich said that morels will sprout in April if the weather is really warm. It should be the tail end of the season when this goes to press, but with some luck, it should still be possible to find the last mushrooms of the year.

Now, the next question to answer is where to start.

"Focus your eyes at the base of the poplar trees and the ash trees," said Gregorich.

Morels tend to grow in cool, wet environments, with the kind of area Gregorich mentioned serving as the best bet for starting your search. Nonetheless, morels do not grow exclusively among deciduous trees.

"Morels do grow in pine, so don't exclude them from your travels," said Gregorich.

Another helpful tip is to recruit an accomplice who is well equipped for the search.

"Morels are very hard to see and kids are shorter, so they're closer to the ground," said Gregorich.

There is no wrong way to pick the mushroom, but leaving part of the stalk in the ground might help other morels sprout, perhaps even in the same season.

Even with the aid of a short and enthusiastic kid, the hunt can be difficult. Animals and fellow mushroom enthusiasts can clear an area in no time, so try not to be too discouraged if you come home empty handed. Part of the fun is that not every trip will result in success.



Morels, although potentially dangerous, are also considered to be delicious and rare food items. The above photo is taken of a display at Hartwick Pines State Park.

The Avalanche knows the pain of defeat firsthand, as our hour long trek through the woods did not yield a single mushroom.

If, on the other hand, you score big, it is definitely time to congratulate yourself. The only thing more impressive than finding a lot of morels is finding one giant morel. Although most morels are no bigger than about two inches in length, a handful of lucky residents have found morels in Crawford County that are over 10 inches long.

You have a very valuable prize, since many gourmet chefs will pay good money for Michigan morels. If you decide to eat the mushrooms yourself, don't forget that you must be certain you are not eating a false morel. Any mushroom that looks damaged or questionable in any way should be rejected.

Also, beware that anyone can have an unexpected food allergy, even if the food is safe for most people. For this reason, it is wise to pace yourself when eating a new mushroom species for the first time.

It is also possible to develop an allergic reaction to mushrooms after enjoying them safely for years. For these reasons, it is always advisable to eat

morels in small portions.

Although *The Avalanche* is interested in providing helpful safety tips, this article is by no means intended to be used as a comprehensive food safety manual or as a substitute for expert advice. Mushrooms can be fatal.

For more detailed mushroom safety information, Hartwick Pines State Park is a good destination. The park visitor's center holds many helpful free handouts on the topic as well as experts like Gregorich who are happy to assist beginning mushroom enthusiasts.

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# Mercy Manor residents mark National Nursing Home Week

The staff and residents at Mercy Manor celebrated National Nursing Home Week earlier this month.

National Nursing Home Week is an annual observance sponsored by the American Health Care Association. It is a special week where residents, caregivers, families, staff and volunteers honor and celebrate nursing facility life.

As a kick off for National Nursing Home Week, Mercy Manor hosted its 23rd annual dinner dance for their residents and their families on May 11.

Dressed in formal gowns and suits, the evening started with the residents getting their formal pictures taken by local photographer, Lisa Woodley.

Over 80 guests and residents enjoyed a buffet meal and evening program, where each resident was presented with a certificate of recognition for achievements they have made during the last year by Cheryl Kiesel, the activity director for Mercy Manor.

The Wise Guys entertained the group with musical talents and there was plenty of opportunities for all in attendance.

Mercy Manor's Nursing Home Week featured a "Fifties" theme for their celebration.

Other activities included hosting a carnival for the youngsters in Mrs. Gina Brunskill's Grayling Elementary School third grade class, 50's bingo, drive-in day and lots of snacks including games and root beer floats.

"Each day also included a special lunch for the residents and staff to enjoy together along with fun dress up attire that all related somehow to the 1950's," Kiesel said. "It was a fun-filled week for all."



As a kick off for National Nursing Home Week, Mercy Manor hosted its 23rd annual dinner dance for their residents and their families on May 11. Above, Mercy Manor resident Helen Anderson cuts the rug with Dennis Kuhn, the business and office manager at Mercy Manor, during the dinner dance.

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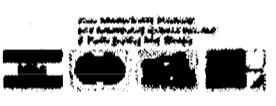


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# Another Man's Treasure to open alongside Dharma Music

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

In the year 2007, the music industry is a tough place to try to make a profit. With plummeting album sales and the proliferation of online shops that sell instruments at a hair above their manufacturing cost, many small retail music stores have had to close their doors.

"The big ticket items, everybody's buying (them) online or going to Guitar Center," said Al Bondar, who runs Dharma Music with his partner, Diane Chamberlin. They are determined to keep music in Grayling, despite tough industry conditions.

They have enacted a dramatic reorganization of their store, which will now include both the music store and a consignment shop called "Another Man's Treasure."

"The retail shop is going to allow the music store to stay open," said Chamberlin.

"I don't want to close the music store...we have a bunch of students that depend on us."

Until now, the owners of Dharma Music simply had no way of making the store viable.

"If it wasn't for the studio and us performing, this would have been gone awhile ago," said Bondar.

The idea to open a consign-

ment shop came when someone offered to trade some genuine bamboo fishing equipment for a guitar he had on layaway. Knowing the fishing gear was valuable, Bondar agreed to the trade.

Shortly thereafter, someone spotted the fishing gear in the store and made Bondar an offer. This helped lead Bondar and Chamberlin to decide that they had the opportunity to make their storefront much more profitable if they were to try something entirely new.

"The reason I want to branch out to retail is because I've got a great shop here," said Chamberlin.

The retail shop will probably occupy the largest part of the store."

Another Man's Treasure, which will be fully open on June 1, will sell retail items of all kinds, from video games to baby clothes. Chamberlin says they will only be selling quality new or slightly used items.

"I think it's gonna be a really successful thing," said Bondar.

Consignment charges will start at 20%, which is a very competitive price for people who are looking to find a storefront to sell their new or slightly used retail items.

Perhaps most importantly,

that Another Man's Treasure will be the key to keeping Dharma Music alive.

"We're not going anywhere," said Chamberlin.

Although the music store will be reduced significantly both in size and inventory, the most popular items such as guitar strings and other supplies will remain in stock. Any items that are not available on hand can be special ordered.

"I might not have it in stock today, but I'll have it tomorrow," said Chamberlin.

Although Dharma Music has been Grayling's only connection for music gear since it opened six years ago, it has recently become impossible to turn a profit.

Bondar estimates that they have lost up to 60% of their customer base to online sales. He contends that popular online retailers like MusiciansFriend.com employ semi-legal sales practices to shirk the minimum retail prices set by manufacturers. As a result, the price of music gear has been driven to the floor.

"People are marking (instruments) to two percent above cost just to make the sale," said Chamberlin.

Although this may look like good news for the consumer, it means that the quality of both equipment and service is plumb-

meting. Traditional music shops are closing their doors while mega-corporations like Wal-Mart and even CVS Pharmacy are jumping on the bandwagon to sell instruments that are often of questionable workmanship.

What's worse, these corporations generally do not make an effort to employ a staff that has expertise in the music world. And repairs or other support services are completely out of the question.

"We offer service here. You start buying from big box stores, you don't get that," said Bondar.

Consequently, a beginning player who makes an uninformed purchase is likely to get a shoddy instrument which could end up ruining that player's chances to succeed musically.

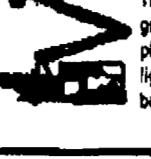
"It's just not fair," said Bondar.

The good news is that the additional income from Another Man's Treasure should allow Dharma Music to stay afloat without being in direct competition with the industry giants.

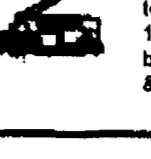
And since general retail stores are much simpler to manage than specialty music stores, Bondar and Chamberlin plan to more fully devote their talents to events like the AuSable River Festival.

"It'll free up our time so we can become more involved," said Chamberlin.

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ported through a two semester program of both academic course work and extracurricular activities that are designed to further develop their potential as political, economic and civic leaders. The program culminates in a trip to Asia to provide the Fellows with an international perspective on leadership.

To qualify, students must have completed between 48 and 100 credit hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.40 and pass a rigorous selection process. Students are chosen based on their academic accomplishment, a record of university and com-

munity service, and other evidence of leadership potential.

Ashley Isaacs, a nursing major from Grayling, was one of the selected students.

She has been active in the Student Association, SVSU's elected student government, and as social chair of Alpha Sigma Alpha, a social sorority. She was also instrumental in organizing the logistical matters for the Dow Visiting Scholar Symposium and the Barstow Seminar Symposium. Ashley says she has done well over the required 50 hours of community service each school year, "not only

because it is required, but because I love to lend a helping hand when I can."



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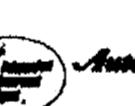
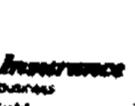
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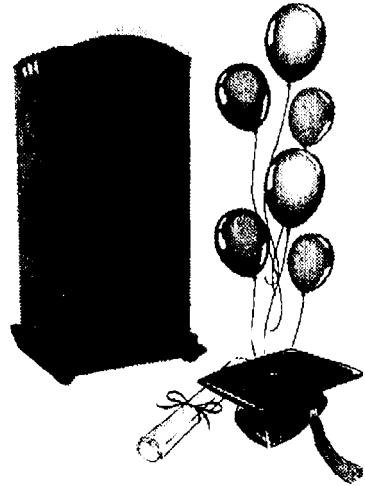
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## Mercy Hospital holds open house for new professional building

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

The community at large was given the opportunity to explore the new, state-of-the-art Mercy Professional Building during an open house on May 17. The event served as the public's formal introduction to some of the latest and greatest technology and equipment Mercy has to offer.

"Now we have all the pieces in place to really develop a strong surgical service for our community," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

The new facility is divided between the upstairs Mercy

Surgical Services and the down-stairs Mercy Rehabilitation Services.

The upstairs facility features three fully operational surgical suites of equal size. The highlight of the facility is a computerized display which is used to view high resolution x-ray images.

"It makes access to images...much more efficient," said Bob Crumb, Mercy Hospital's practice administrator for surgical services.

The advantage of this system is that it can instantly import images from neighboring hospital, significantly reducing the hassle associated with transferring patient records.

"It brings our outpatient practice...up to and current with the trends," said Crumb.

"It has been a real big plus for our patients."

Not only does the new building allow for a more streamlined surgical experience, it helps make the rest of the healing process easy, too.

"We've made it really easy for patients to access the rehab building," said Riemer-Matuzak.

The new Mercy Rehabilitation Services department, located in the basement of the Mercy Professional Building, represents a major facelift for the department.

"(Patients) can get physical, occupational and speech therapy in our department," said Cingano.



The downstairs Mercy Rehabilitation Services combines form with functionality. Notice how the inflatable exercise balls also function as part of the center's overall look.

"Having the new look...is really important to the patient," said Rehab Director Kourtney Cingano.

"There are a total of seven staff working in the new facility, which features a soft and aesthetically pleasing look that should be more conducive to healing than the old rehab center.

It also features all the latest rehabilitation equipment, including an adjustable mat table and recumbent steppers.

"(Patients) can get physical, occupational and speech therapy in our department," said Cingano.

The highlight of the new rehab

center is the multi-level aquatic therapy pool, which is used primarily for rehabilitating orthopedic injuries.

"It's one of the latest treatment options for patients just out of surgery," said Cingano.

"The patients who have used it so far have had outstanding results."

Nonetheless, all interviewees emphasized that the Mercy staff are the true key to quality service. The new facility and all its equipment are just tools to make the job go more smoothly.

"Having the equipment really helps them to help the patient," said Cingano.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of May 24 - 30, is as follows:

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## Avalanche Sets Early Deadline

### Deadlines For Memorial Day

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day, and will reopen at 9 am Tuesday, May 29.

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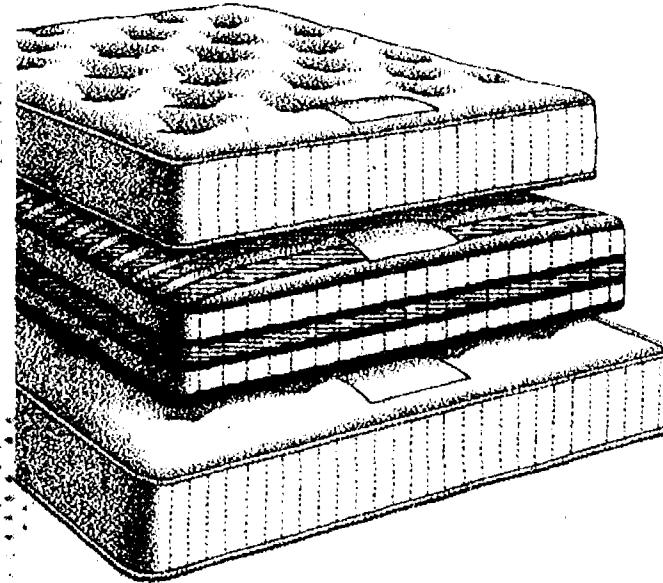
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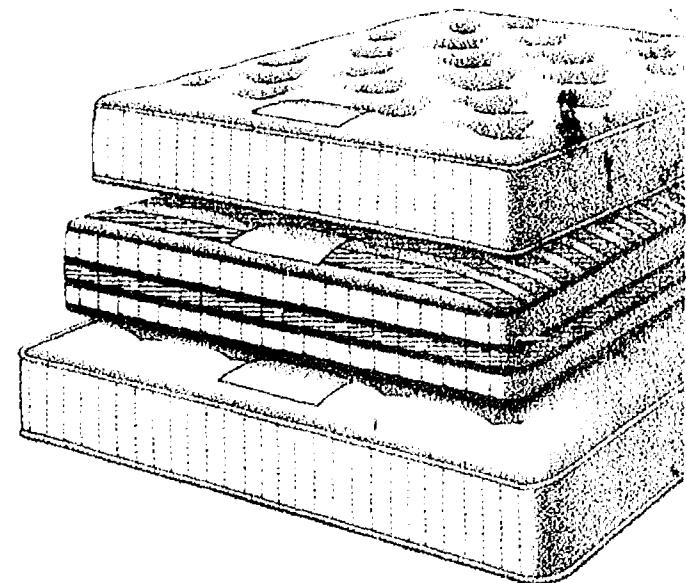
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## Golf team wins regional meet to qualify for state finals

Two GHS golfers finish in top four at Falconhead

### With same lineup as last year, Vikings win regional title for 2nd straight season

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Last year, the Grayling High School girls golf team's five primary scorers won a regional championship and went to the state finals. Last week, the

same five Vikings won their second consecutive regional title and will once again head to the state golf finals.

The Vikings posted a team score of 396 at last Friday's Michigan High School Athletic Association Division III Region #15 tournament at Falconhead Golf Club in Big Rapids, finishing 18 strokes ahead of second place Big

Rapids (414) and 27 strokes better than third place Lakeview (423). All three teams earned a trip to the state finals. Golfers from 16 schools competed in the Region #15 tournament, with 13 of them posting team scores and the top three squads earning trips to the state finals.

"Falconhead was a very tricky course. We went down

early and played it the night before, which really helped with club selection," Coach Brian Banda said.

Individually, Abby Wheeler, a senior, placed second overall at the regional tournament with a score of 86 and junior Kristi Calkins finished fourth overall with a 93. Monica Leslie shot

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(Left to right) Kristi Calkins, Monica Leslie, Abby Wheeler, Alexis Elmy, and Leigha Stevens celebrate their second consecutive regional championship.

## Varsity baseball squad splits with TCSF, Roscommon

### Vikings win game one vs. Bucks 9-6, but fall 12-4 in game two on Friday night

The Vikings of Grayling High School split a non-conference varsity baseball double-header vs. the Rosecommon Bucks last Friday at GHS, winning game one 9-6 and losing game two 12-4.

In game one, Rosecommon

jumped out to an early 5-0 lead, but the Vikings fought back to win the game.

"(Richard) Schreiber started the first game, getting off to his worst start of the season, spotting the Bucks five runs in the first inning. He settled down and only allowed two hits the rest of the way, retiring 15 out of 17 batters to gain the victory," Coach John Schneider said. "They hit the ball well in the

first inning, but Richie showed how good of a pitcher he really is by shutting the door on the Bucks."

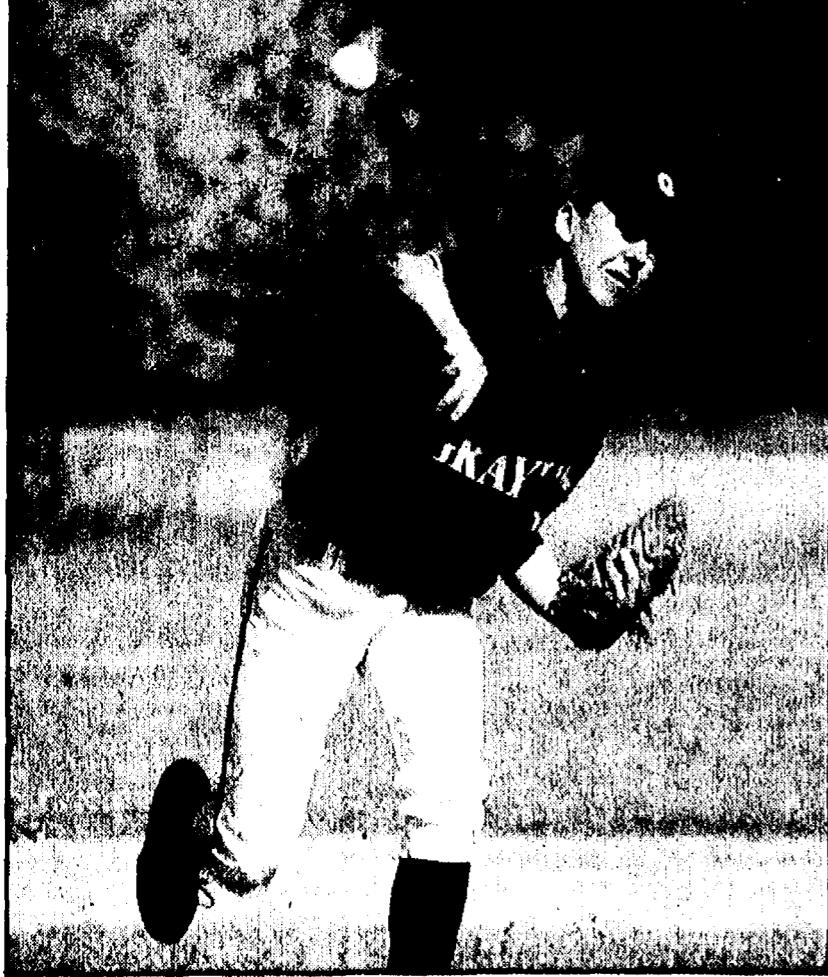
The Vikings scored two runs in the second inning on a base hit by Ethan Neuberger. In the third inning, Jacob Aubry hit a home run over the center field fence. Later in the inning, Derek Etzler hit a three-run homer over the right field fence to give GHS the lead. Eric

Ferrigan hit a triple and scored on a wild pitch to cap the inning, giving GHS a 7-5 advantage. In the fourth inning, the Vikings scored two more runs with three hits in a row by Josh Stapleton, Etzler, and Rocky McNamara.

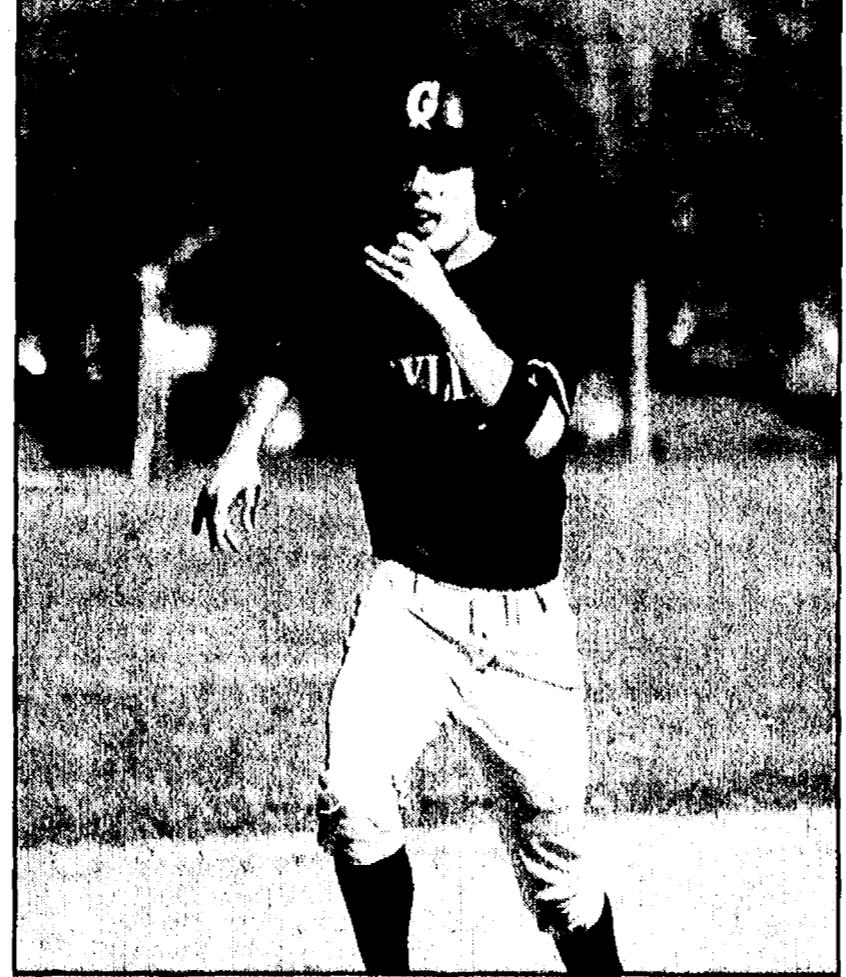
Etzler finished at 2 for 3 with 3 RBI. McNamara had 2 hits and 2 RBI and Aubry had 2 hits

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(Left) Richard Schreiber throws a pitch for the Vikings on Friday night during game one of a series vs. Roscommon. (Right) Josh Stapleton runs from second base to third on Friday.



## GHS qualifies for state track finals in six events

### Girls team wins two relay events at regionals, boys team qualifies four events

Grayling High School's boys and girls track teams competed in their regional meets at East Jordan on Saturday and combined for six state finals qualifications.

"I was very proud of our guys today. We were able to take six to the state finals. That ties for the most ever at Grayling. We were also able to get five girls to go. That means 11 Grayling athletes will be at Comstock Park this year. What a great day for Viking athletics," said Tim Sanchez, coach of the GHS boys track team.

Top placements for Grayling High School's boys track squad at regionals included:

110-Meter Hurdles - 2nd, Nick Parkinson (15.9) [qualified for state finals];

1600-Meter Run - 2nd, Jason Drudge (4:32.9) [qualified for state finals];

400-Meter Relay - 1st, Hagerman, Annie Melroy, Martella (52.80) [qualified for state finals];

400-Meter Dash - 3rd, Ward (1:03.00).

"The girls had several top performances today. Both the 800-meter relay and 400-meter relay qualified for the state meet held in Grand Rapids. This is a huge accomplishment for these girls and they are looking forward to the state meet," said Tim Gariglio, coach of the GHS girls track team.

The regional meet included

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## Softball team falls to Bucks, Gladiators

### Roscommon wins Friday's series at GHS by final scores of 7-2, 6-0

The GHS varsity softball team lost both games of a league doubleheader vs. the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators last Monday at Grayling High School.

Traverse City St. Francis won the series 19-0, 22-11.

In game one, Megan Etzler was 1 for 1 (single) for the Vikings. Leading hitters for Grayling in game two: Alyssa

Lewis, 1 for 4 (single); Ashley Bindschatel, 2 for 3 (2 singles), 1 run scored, 1 RBI, 1 walk; Monica Peters, 2 for 4 (single, double), 2 runs scored, 1 RBI;

Etzler, 1 for 4 (single), 2 runs scored; Shentelle Apps, 1 for 3 (double), 2 runs scored, 1 RBI; Sam Schreiber, 1 for 2 (single), 2 runs scored, 1 RBI; Kelsey Neuberger, 1 for 3 (single), 1 walk, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base; Cayla Johnson, 1 for 4 (single), 1 RBI.

"In game one St. Francis overpowered us in every aspect. We

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Monica Peters hits the ball for the Vikings during last week's series vs. Roscommon.

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(Left) Alyssa Lewis bats for the Vikings vs. Roscommon on Friday night. (Right) Megan Etzler rounds third base on Friday.

## Softball team falls to Bucks, Gladiators

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committed eight errors and took ourselves out of the game very quickly. They scored six runs in the first inning and never looked back," Coach Keri Brock said. "In the second game we hit the ball well. We scored 11 runs on one of the best teams in our league; however, errors and walks put it out of reach for us."

On Friday, the Vikings lost two non-conference games to the Roscommon Bucks 7-2, 6-0.

In game one, Bindschatel was 2 for 3 (single, double) and Apps was 1 for 2 (single) with 1 stolen base.

In the second game, Bindschatel was 1 for 3 (single) and Etzler was 2 for 3 (singles).

"These were two disappointing losses. Roscommon is a beatable team and for some reason we weren't able to get our bats going. Defensively we would get two quick outs and then give up easy runs instead of closing out the innings," Coach Brock said. "Kelsey put us in a good position on the mound giving up just three hits in the first game and six in

the second, but we need to supply some run support. We have struggled with various injuries and finally have everyone back

and healthy. We'll use these last couple games to establish some consistency on the defensive side of things and get our hitters

where they need to be for districts."

The Vikings will host Alcona at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 25.



Kelsey Neuberger pitches for the Vikings against the Roscommon Bucks during a doubleheader at GHS last week.



Shortstop Ashley Bindschatel throws to first base on Friday.

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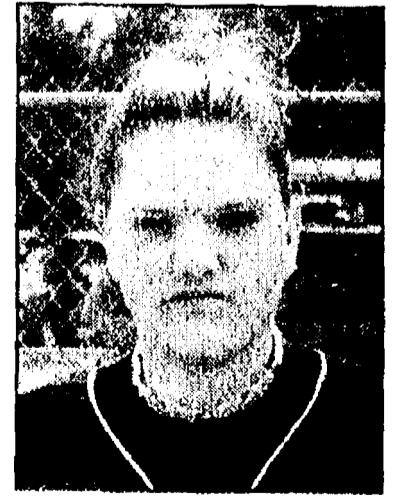
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### Viking of the Week



Varsity Softball  
Coach: Keri Brock

**ASHLEY BINDSCHATEL**

"Ashley picked up five hits this week, including four singles and a double. She is one of our most consistent hitters and maintains a .340 batting average this season. Ashley, otherwise known as 'Smash,' is a really competitive player, has great knowledge of the game and is very coachable. As the lone senior on the 2007 team, she sets a good example for the underclassmen," her coach said.

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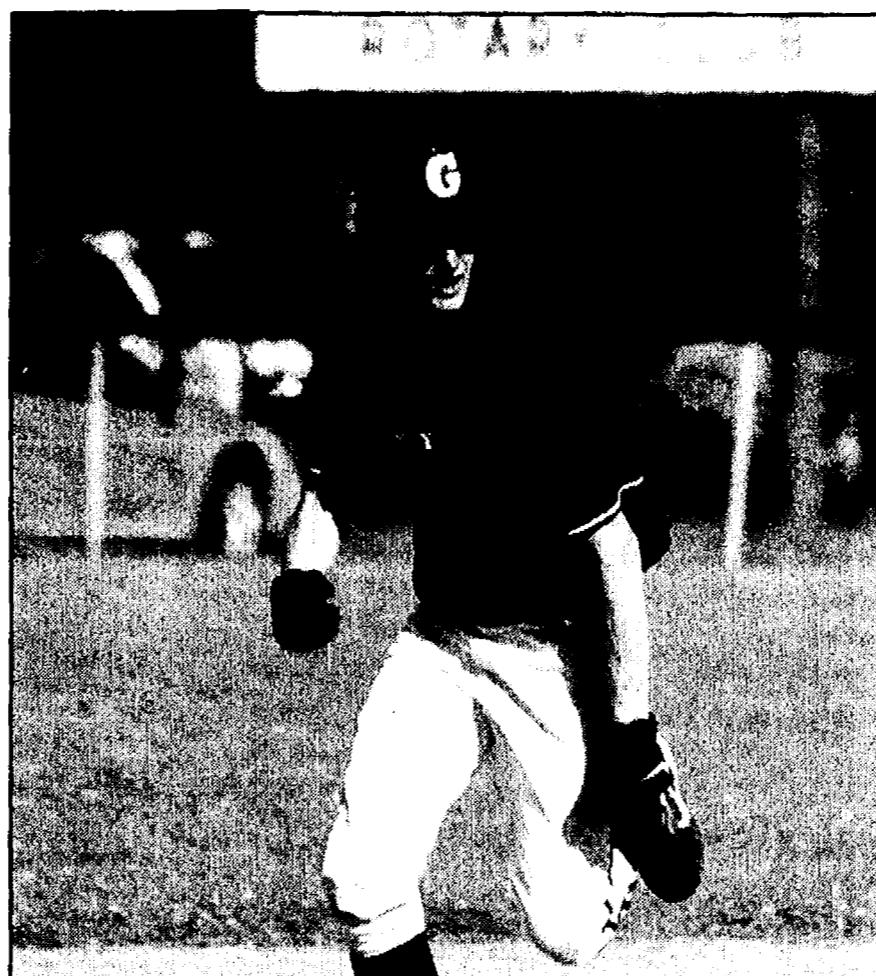
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(Left) Teammates congratulate Jacob Aubry at home plate following his home run in game one of last Friday's doubleheader against Roscommon. (Right) Rocky McNamara runs from second base to third.

## Varsity baseball squad splits with TCSF, Roscommon

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Doug Slater was the starting pitcher for GHS in game two, taking the mound for the first time since the season opener. He pitched three solid innings, allowing one earned run.

"Doug has been playing for the Vikings tennis team and their season is over," Coach Schneider said. "Slater had an injury over spring break to his ankle and playing two sports was just too much stress on that injury. Now he is healthy and could be a big shot in the arm for the Vikes."

The Vikings allowed seven runs in the fourth inning and lost by a final score of 12-4.

McNamara was 2 for 3 with a double and Etzler and Schreiber also had hits for the Vikings.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost two games at Traverse City Central - the first place team in

the Big North Conference. Traverse City Central won the series 9-0, 8-3.

"In the first game Taylor DesEnfants pitched very well, only giving up four hits and four earned runs. The Viking defense committed five errors in the loss. We gave them five runs and couldn't score ourselves," Coach Schneider said.

Schreiber, DesEnfants, Josh Stapleton, and Neuberger had hits for the Vikings.

Jordan Herrick pitched for GHS in game two of the series.

Herrick allowed only five hits and again the Vikings committed four errors, leading to four unearned runs for TC Central," Coach Schneider said.

Etzler had 2 hits and 1 RBI. Andy Hart had 2 hits and 1 RBI, and Ferrigan had 1 hit and 1 RBI.

"The score doesn't indicate how close the game really was.

The score was 5-3 going into the bottom of the sixth when the Vikings committed three errors, giving the Trojans three more runs," Coach Schneider said. "The kids now realize they can play with anybody. The last time we came to play Central we were mercied by double digits in four innings. When we play good defense we are a very tough team."

In the first series of the week, the Vikings split with the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators. Grayling won the first game 8-5 but lost the second game 3-1.

In game one, TCSF scored three runs in the first inning but GHS scored two in the bottom half of the inning on a double by McNamara. In the third, Etzler and McNamara combined for three RBI to give Grayling a 5-4 advantage. In the fifth inning, Grayling added three more runs.

Etzler was the starting pitcher for Grayling and Schreiber picked up the win pitching in relief.

McNamara finished at 3 for 3 with 2 doubles and 5 RBI. Etzler had 2 hits and 3 RBI. Ferrigan had a double and 1 RBI.

In the second game, Schreiber pitched a complete game for GHS, allowing only three hits.

"It was a real pitcher's duel and Schreiber came up short," Coach Schneider said.

Ferrigan had Grayling's only hit.

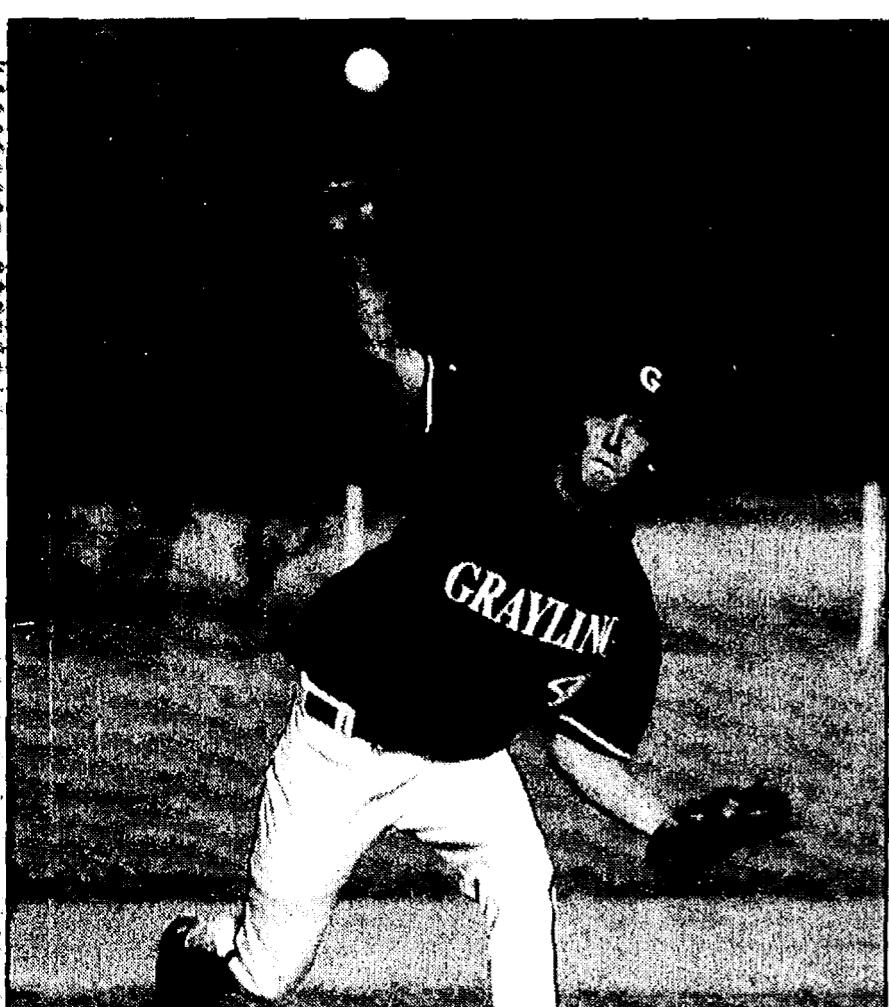
"We hit the ball very hard but

nothing would drop. It was one of those games that everyone on the opposing team was everywhere the ball was hit. We played very well against the first place team in our league, and beat their best pitcher," Coach Schneider said.

The Vikings will play Houghton Lake on Tuesday, May 29.

"We keep taking steps forward and improving each game. For such a young team you can't ask for much more and I am very happy with the progress we are making," Coach Schneider said.

Grayling's hitting leaders so far this year are: Stapleton, .412 (21/51), 19 runs scored; Etzler, .395 (15/38), 13 RBI; McNamara, .333 (19/57), 14 RBI; Ferrigan, .300 (15/50).



Doug Slater pitches for the Vikings during game two of last week's series vs. Roscommon.

## Golf team wins regional meet to qualify for state finals

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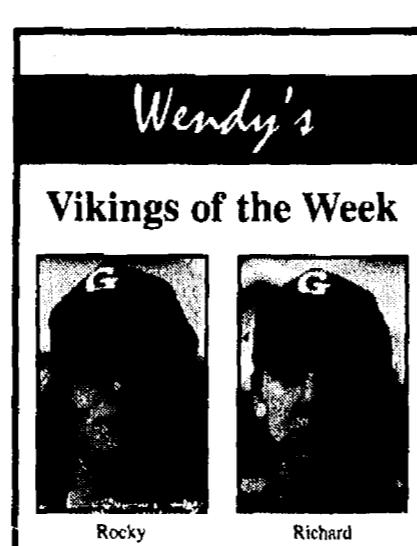
108 for GHS and Leigha Stevens finished with a score of 109. Alexis Elm also golfed for the Vikings. As a group, Wheeler, Calkins, Leslie, Stevens and Elm won last year's regional meet and finished 11th at the state finals, and Coach Banda is hoping the experience from last year will result in an even stronger finish at the state meet this year.

"This was the fourth time shooting 396 at a tournament this year, so they've been pretty consistent. I'm confident that the experience from last year will help us. We finished 11th last year and we're hoping to improve on that this year," Coach Banda said. "That's two regionals in a row for the girls. It's a significant thing for us to have done this, for the girls."

"This is a really good group of girls, led by senior Abby Wheeler and junior Kristi

Calkins, who finished second and fourth at regionals. Abby has had a great year. Monica is my vote for most improved. She's a senior and her experience should help lead us," Coach Banda said.

The Vikings will compete in the Division III MHSAA state golf finals at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest course on June 1-2. All qualifying teams will shoot 18 holes on each day of the two-day event to determine the tournament champions.



**ROCKY McNAMARA & RICHARD SCHREIBER**

Rocky was 8 for 18 with 7 RBI and 5 runs scored last week. He had a career game vs. TCSF (3 for 3, 2 doubles, 5 RBI). Richard won two games last week, one vs. TCSF and one vs. Roscommon. He has pitched well this year with a 3.2 ERA and 46 strikeouts in 50 innings pitched.

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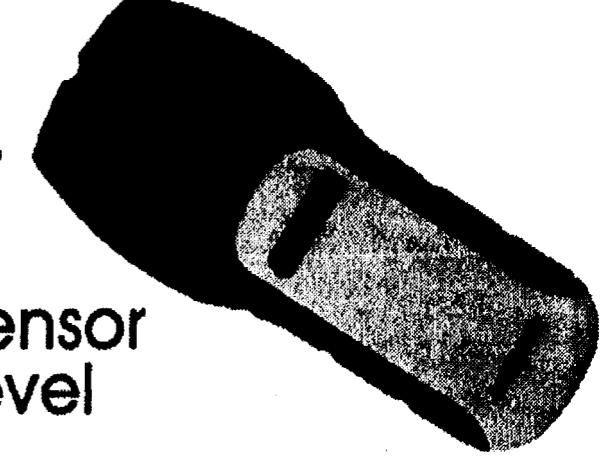
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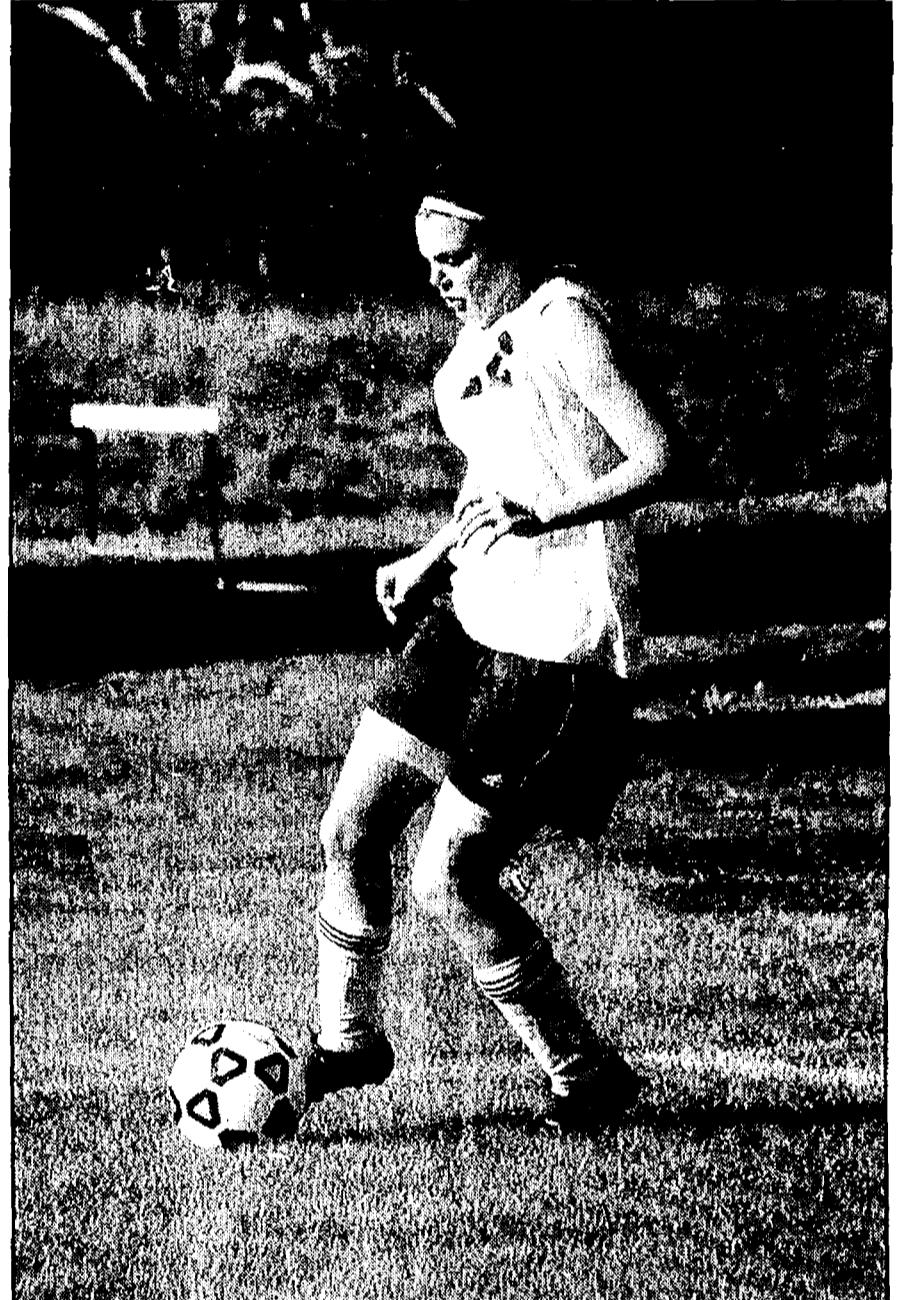
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(Left) Miescha McCuan controls the ball for the Vikings during Friday's game vs. Roscommon. (Right) Goalkeeper Evie Clark punts the ball after making a save.

## Soccer squad falls to Roscommon 6-0



(Left) Jessie Baker dribbles the ball for Grayling High School's varsity girls soccer team during the squad's game against the Roscommon Bucks last Friday at GHS. (Right) Fawn Filley handles an airborne ball on Friday night. Roscommon won the contest by a final score of 6-0.

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(Left) Amanda Moran takes a throw-in for the Vikings on Friday. (Right) Emily Sloan moves the ball upfield for Grayling vs. Roscommon.

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The early registration event will be held at building three at Redskin Field at the Crawford County Fairgrounds from 6-8

p.m. Registration for the 2007 season is open to players and cheerleaders ages 8-14.

Players and cheerleaders can also sign up for the 2007 Grayling Redskins program by completing the attached registration form and returning it (with

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### GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB

Submitted by Donna Thomson  
Wednesday Ladies League

Well folks, it's good to be back writing for you again, and two weeks ago Sherry Hanson wrote that I would let you know all about our golfing fun once again.

So far, we have had two Wednesday's with rain, and have only been able to gather for a nice coffee hour. While that has been enjoyable, that is not our main intent.

New this year, we will be having a Member-Guest Day, Rally for a Cure Day, and I'm sure many other surprises, which I will let you know of after our first meeting.

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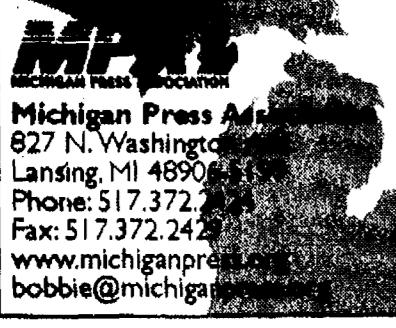
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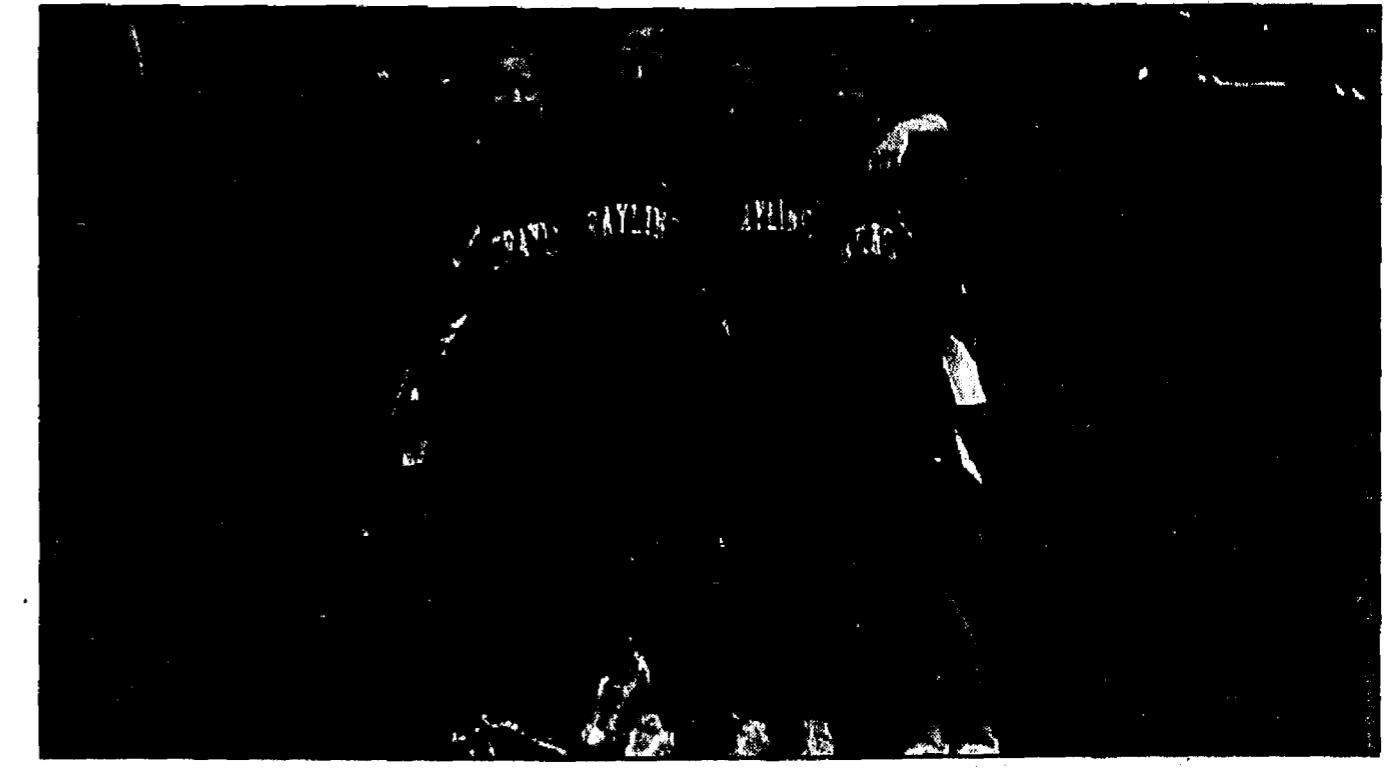
Do you want to purchase health insurance for you or your family but have been denied because of a preexisting condition? Or, have you been forced to drop your insurance due to a huge premium increase? If so, we want to hear from you. A coalition supporting health care reform wants lawmakers in Lansing to hear about how difficult it is to purchase affordable insurance, from ordinary people like you. Your story could help change the law and make insurance more affordable. Call (517) 267-9046 and tell us how you've been denied health insurance.

## GHS qualifies for state track finals in six events

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squads from 14 schools. Grayling's boys team finished 7th and Grayling's girls team placed 11th overall.

Team scores: (boys) 1st, Charlevoix 133; 2nd, Kingsley 112; 3rd, Kalkaska 71; 4th, Lake City 61; 5th, Benzie Central 44.83; 6th, Roscommon 44; 7th, Grayling 43.5; (girls) 1st, Charlevoix 112; 2nd, Benzie Central 87.5; 3rd, Boyne City 74; 4th, East Jordan 61; 5th, Indian River/Inland Lakes 57; 6th, Elk Rapids 48; 7th, Kingsley 48; 8th, Lake City 39; 9th, Manistee 37; 10th, Suttons Bay 29; 11th, Grayling 28.5; 12th, Roscommon 14; 13th, Houghton Lake 13; 14th, Kalkaska 12.



Grayling's 400-meter relay team (L to R: Annie Melroy, Jamie Hagerman, Hailey McMahon, and Angie Martella) qualified for the state finals last week.

## Boys basketball camps for grades 2-8 to be held in June

The Grayling High School boys basketball program is now accepting registrations for two three-day basketball camps to be held in June.

The boys basketball camps are for players entering grades 2-5 and 6-8. The camps will be held at the GHS gym on June 11, 12,

and 14 (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday). Camps will be directed by GHS varsity boys basketball coach Rich Moffit with help from GHS players and assistant coaches. Camp sessions include: 12:15-2 p.m. for grades 2-5, and 10 a.m. to 12 noon for grades 6-8.

Cost to participate in either camp is \$20 per player. Camps will include basketball instruction, games, and prizes. Each participant will also receive a green and white Baden basketball.

To sign up for one of the basketball camps, complete the

attached registration form and return it (with payment) to one of the following school offices by June 7: AuSable Primary, Grayling Elementary, GHS, or Grayling Middle School.

If you have any questions, contact Coach Moffit at 344-3506 or [rmmoffit@casdk12.net](mailto:rmmoffit@casdk12.net).

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## LEGAL ACTION

### FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ann M. Patterson, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated December 16, 2005 and recorded December 22, 2005 in Liber 679, Page 138, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two and 04/100 Dollars (\$63,132.04) including interest at 9.85% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 27, 2007. Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 7 and 8, Harting Pines Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: MAY 18, 2007 HSBC Mortgage Services Inc., Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-10637 ASAP# 855918 05/24/2007, 05/31/2007, 06/07/2007, 06/14/2007

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### FORECLOSURE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Allen Sperry and Cathy Sperry, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Crevco Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2004 and recorded December 21, 2004 in Liber 673 Page 7 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$71,769.82) including interest 11.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue; at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, June 27, 2007. Said premises

are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 90, Indian Glens of The Ausable, Unit 1, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 10, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 139 E Huntingdon, Roscommon MI 48653 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: MAY 18, 2007 HSBC Mortgage Services Inc., Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-10637 ASAP# 855918 05/24/2007, 05/31/2007, 06/07/2007, 06/14/2007

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7267-DE  
Estate of Kenneth Richard Lademan, deceased Date of birth: 7/22/1942

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent, Kenneth Richard Lademan, who lived at 8142 Old 27 North, Frederic, Michigan died 1/21/2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kristin Wilson, named personal representative or

proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 5-11-07  
William L. Carey (P31602)  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
PO Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989)-348-5232

Kristin Wilson  
7696 N. Old 27  
Frederic, MI 49733  
(989) 348-8139

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur F. Munsey, a Single Man, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 2004 and recorded December 30, 2004 in Liber 673, Page 133, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC1 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand

Nine Hundred Eighty-Four and 05/100 Dollars (\$111,984.05) including interest at 7.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 27, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

A part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, beginning at the Southwest Corner of said Section 12 and running thence Easterly on the South Line thereof 145.4 feet; thence Northerly parallel with the West Line of said Section, 530.8 feet; thence North 73 Degrees 15 Minutes West along the Southerly Right-of-Way Line of M-72, 150.0 feet to the West Line of the Section; thence Southerly on Section Line, 575.0 feet to point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: May 24, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000 File No. 222.0768

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### Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORT-

GAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dinah Emerick Orlanski and Ann M. Grifka a/k/a Ann Grifka, single women, to Home 123 Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2006 and recorded May 24, 2006 in Liber 681, Page 643, Crawford County, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight and 09/100 Dollars (\$155,568.09) including interest at 9.85% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 20, 2007. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the North one-quarter corner of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 89 degrees, 52 feet West along Section Line 986.1 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 0 degrees, 51 feet West 1324.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 51 feet West 329 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 51 feet East 1324.7 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 52 feet East along Section Line 329 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: May 17, 2007 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 209.4253 ASAP# 833513 05/17/2007, 05/24/2007, 05/31/2007, 06/07/2007

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NORTHEAST MICHIGAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING INC. HOUSEHOLD WATER WELL SYSTEM PROGRAM

The Northeast Michigan Affordable Housing Inc. is seeking public comment for the submission of the Household Water Well System Program application of USDA Rural Development for funding under the "FY2007" Household Water Well Grant Program (HWWS) for the 11 county service region (Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, & Presque Isle). Written comment will be accepted until 4:00 PM Monday May 28, 2007, and should be mailed to Northeast Michigan Affordable Housing Inc., 3022 US-23 South Suite E, Alpena MI 49707. Project Summary proposed within the grant will be available to the public upon request.

## NOTICE

Maple Forest Township is seeking bids for assessing services. This is a subcontracted service for the township and should be bid as a yearly contract. Maple Forest has approximately 1,300 parcels. Qualified applicants must be a minimum Level 1 certified. Please submit resume and bid to:

Maple Forest Township  
Assessing Bid  
2520 West Marker Rd.  
Grayling, MI 49738

All bids must be received by June 11, 2007. All bids will be reviewed at the regular board meeting scheduled June 12, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Maple Forest Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Submitted by: Sandra L. Bayham, Clerk  
Maple Forest Township

## Public Notice

Darby Advertising Inc. filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 1, 2007, to request a construction permit for a new commercial FM radio station in Frederic, Michigan. The 3.3 kW Class A station would operate on 95.3 MHz with an antenna HAAT of 136.3 meters, located north of Frederic, Michigan. Kent Smith is Darby Advertising's only officer, director, and shareholder. A copy of the application, any amendments, and related material are on file for public inspection at Frederic Township Hall, 7564 County Rd. 612, Frederic, Michigan.

## LEGAL ACTION

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Moore Married and Sharlene R. Moore, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagor, dated April 6, 2001, and recorded on April 30, 2001 in Liber 535 on Page 188, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two And 61/100 Dollars (\$69,482.61), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM; on June 20, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 19, Shangri-La Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 17, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #104699F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas D. Slavens, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated September 22, 2004, and recorded on September 28, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 687, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Eight And 40/100 Dollars (\$160,668.40), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 13, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A; Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7, Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly Right of Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 Feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 105.03 Feet; Thence South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 305.18 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence Continuing South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 331.10 Feet to the Left Bank of the Ausable River; Thence South 47 Degrees 30 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 100.90 Feet; Thence South 87 Degrees 15 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 165.00 Feet; Thence North 66 Degrees 06 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 115.40 Feet; Thence North 20 Degrees 32 Minutes East 257.50 Feet to the Point of Beginning. This Parcel Extends to the Waters Edge of the Ausable River with Full Riparian Rights thereto.

Also Subject to and use of: An 83 Foot Easement for Ingress and Egress, Lying

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eugene D. Restainer and Myrna L. Restainer, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagor, dated November 13, 2002, and recorded on March 12, 2003 in Liber 623 on Page 332, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One And 53/100 Dollars (\$33,721.53), including interest at 11.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 6, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of

### ATTENTION CITY OF GRAYLING RESIDENTS NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at the Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall, for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2007-2008 Budget. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office at 1020 City Boulevard.

**THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City Offices during regular working hours forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk

Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 34, thence North (along the North and South 1/4 line), 993.03 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 331.01 feet to the South 1/8 line; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes East (along the South 1/8 line), 328.24 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds East, 331.06 feet; thence South 88 degrees 59 minutes 30 seconds West, 328.29 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 3, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #104699F01

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEPHEN SOUTHARD and CECILIA SOUTHARD, Mortgagors to Apex Mortgage Corporation, a subsidiary of Firsttrust Bank, Mortgagor, dated October 27, 2003, and recorded on November 6, 2003 in Liber 658, Pages 6 through 20, Saginaw County Records, Michigan, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date hereof, the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven and 66/100 Dollars (\$272,477.66), including interest at 10.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the 46th Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 at 10:00 a.m., on June 27, 2007.

Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

DESCRIPTION #1: That part of the unplatet portion of the E 1/2 of Section 7, T26N, R3W, lying Southerly of the South side of Ingham Street in the City of Grayling; aforesaid, being described as follows. Commencing at the Northwesterly corner of Lot 15 of the Recorded Plat of USABLE TERRACE; thence S44 degrees 00' W (along the Southerly side of Ingham Street), 80 feet to the left bank of the AuSable River; thence S41 degrees 44' E (along said bank), 96 ft., thence S78 degrees 59' E (along said bank), 39 ft.; thence N84 degrees 51' E (along said bank), 42ft.; thence N58 degrees 49' E (along said bank), 35 ft. to the Southwesterly side of Lot 15; thence N45 degrees 56' W (along the Southwesterly side of said Lot 15), 164.5 feet to the P.O.B. This parcel

SAID PREMISES ARE LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ARE DESCRIBED AS: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 24, TOWN 28 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE 663.78 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 672.7 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 663.35 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 671.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 663.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PREMISES ARE LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ARE DESCRIBED AS: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 24, TOWN 28 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE 663.78 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 672.7 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 663.35 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 671.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 663.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

**23 Years Ago**  
**May 24, 1984**

Grayling High School named Cynthia A. Brown and Karla Dosech as co-valedictorians for the graduating class of 1985. Kayrn Reynolds was named salutatorian.

The Crawford AuSable School Board approved sending all fifth graders to Frederic for the 1984-85 school year. Superintendent Kent Reynolds said it is a space problem that prompted that decision. Grayling Elementary has 20 classrooms and grades K-4 will fill all those.

Crawford County veterinarians Wayne Casler and Paul Mesack were honored for their volunteer wildlife work by two branches of the DNR, the Grayling City Council, and the Grayling Chamber of Commerce. Since 1973, when Casler started the Grayling Hospital for Animals, and 1976 when Mesack joined him, the pair have been providing free care for wildlife from an area ranging from Houghton Lake to Gaylord, Mio and Kalkaska.

Jeff Martinez, a Grayling High School sophomore, has been nominated as ambassador to the 1984 Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar. He was chosen for the outstanding leadership potential he has demonstrated in the school and community and is being sponsored by the Grayling Chapter of

Kiwanis International.

**46 Years Ago**

**May 25, 1961**

Loren and Grace Goodale recently arrived in Crawford County and have purchased the property formerly known as the Wayside Grocery which was formerly operated by Frank Millikin, and which is located on M-76 about eight miles southeast of Grayling. Mr. Goodale comes from Pontiac, where he was a baker. He has been in the grocery business since he was four years old, starting to assist his parents in their store.

The annual Memorial Day parade will get underway from the Grayling Legion Hall on US-27 just south of the AuSable River at 10:30 a.m. A.J. "Tony" Nelson of Grayling and Hillman has been named as Marshal for the parade. The speaker at the Elmwood Cemetery will be Rev. Charles Allen of the Grayling Free Methodist Church.

There are 429 students in the elementary and 373 in the high school, making a total of 802 students enrolled in Grayling Public Schools. Of this number 335 ride on buses. Four buses from our district go a distance of 200.6 miles a day and transport 278 students. The bus from the Feldhauser district travels a distance of 52 miles and carries 33 students to Grayling Public, while Beaver Creek District No.

1 bus goes a distance of 120 miles per day and transports 24 students to our Grayling schools. Three sisters and one lay teacher are instructing 148 students who are attending the St. Mary's School this year. The Grayling Chamber of Commerce has 173 members, the Grayling P.T.A. has 93 members, the Grayling Sportsman's Club has 104 members and the Friends of the Library has 350 members. Mount Hope Lutheran Church has 150 members, Michelson Memorial Church has 571, St. Mary's Catholic has 500, and Grayling Evangelical Lutheran Church has 130 members. The research for the above information was done by the 1960-61 sophomore english class of Grayling High School.

The Crawford County Republican Committee announced the nomination of Arthur R. Thayer, Grayling High School Government instructor, for Republican Candidate for Delegate to the Constitution Convention for the 28th Senatorial District. For the past three years, Thayer has been treasurer for the Crawford County Republican Committee and is on the board of directors of the 10th District Republican Association.

**69 Years Ago**  
**May 26, 1938**

With the school year drawing to a close there has been great activity in the home economics department as the various projects are being completed. The advanced group had a practical lesson in outdoor cooking when

they went to the park at the reservation and cooked their breakfast.

Mrs. Axel Larson is the new bookkeeper at the Grayling Dairy.

Emil L. Kraus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus has been named to the decorations committee at the University of Detroit for the annual Senior Ball.

Roy Boger has moved his barber shop from the south side to the downtown district. The building he is occupying is part of the Grayling Bakery, which was partitioned off, nicely painted, and made into a barber shop.

Although weather conditions prevented the first Airmail pick up for Grayling from following the special schedule of arrival, 1:42 p.m., the post office department and Postmaster McDonnell are deeply grateful to mayor Burke and the citizens of Crawford County for the fine turnout at the airport. Due to rain and heavy fog, the plane was grounded in Gaylord overnight.

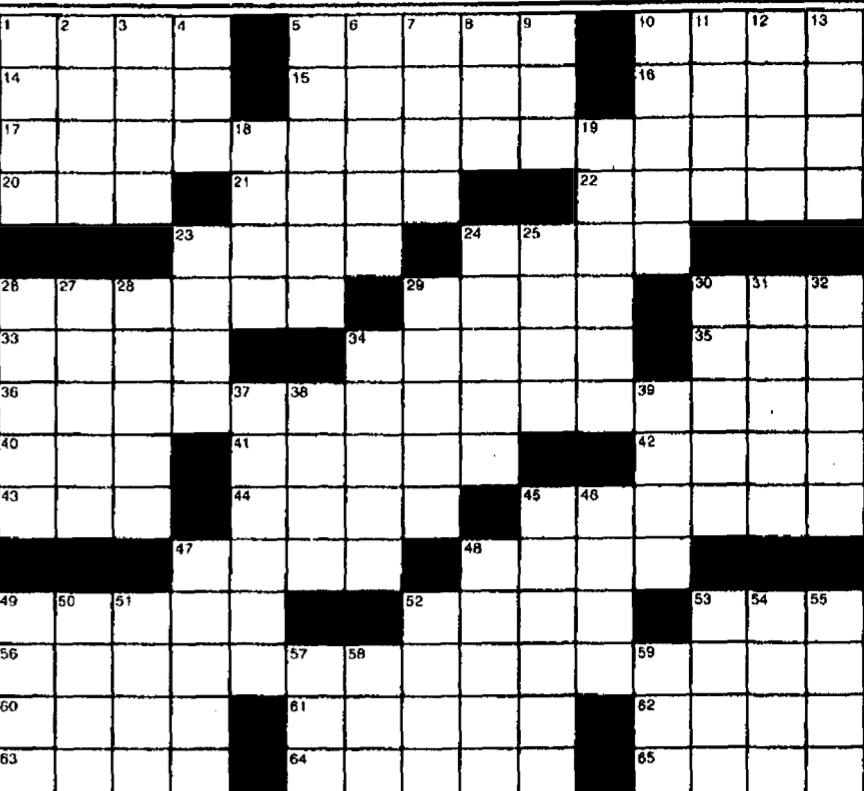
**92 Years Ago**  
**May 27, 1915**

Harvey Wheeler is having a new barn erected on his premises on Ionia Street.

Walter Hanson has resigned his position at the Salling Hanson company warehouse and Johannes Rasmussen is filling his place.

Postmaster John Hum has purchased the N.P. Olson house located on the school property and is having it moved to Park Street.

## CROSSWORD



- Across
- Fruit-filled tart.
  - Long frill in bodice front of.
  - Tame parrot.
  - Wrinkle.
  - Avoid blame.
  - Trojan War site.
  - Shown by example.
  - DiBiase, wrestler.
  - Molded mass of bread.
  - Telephone.
  - Bottle tops.
  - Forming viscous threads.
  - Intelligent.
  - Matter ejected.
  - Cut with blower.
  - of the Dogmen.
  - Shin bone.
  - Mae Brown, Ghost character.
  - Hardening of the arteries.
  - Laughing.
  - Not asleep.
  - Dissenting clique.
  - Longest division of geological time.
  - Hip term for "cool."
  - Make public.
  - Last three fingers of the sword hand.
  - Command against.
  - Period of rule.
  - Knee.
  - Sheep's cry.
  - Strong attachment to ecclesiastical usages.
  - Wearisome.
  - Main blood vessel.
  - Lewd side.
  - Airborne particulate matter.
  - Fifth son of Jepheth.
  - Coontz, writer.
- Down
- Express discomfort.
  - Luxury.
  - Old.
  - Vietnam.
  - Old, unreliable vehicle.
  - Assumed name.
  - Yeager, actor.
  - Broad sash worn with a kimono.
  - Local, habitual face twitching.
  - Precisely meaningful.
  - Potpouri.
  - National emblem of Great Britain.
  - Diane, actress.
  - Definite purpose.
  - Come into existence.
  - Command.
  - Russian money.
  - Person from Oklahoma.
  - Expanded leaf portion.
  - Quotient of two similar quantities.
  - Deathly pale.
  - Fussy about food.
  - Eighth century Hebrew prophet.
  - Authoritative proclamation.
  - Squander.
  - Powerful businesspeople.
  - Deep narrow, steep-sided valley.
  - Indebted for.
  - Capital of Norway.
  - Pertaining to dentine.
  - Small case for toilet articles.
  - Sheath over shoelace end.
  - Chaste.
  - Volkert, Merle Haggard guitarist.
  - Very light brown.
  - Decorates with frosting.
  - Mode of dress.
  - Ill manor.
  - In the direction of the sea.
  - So be it.
  - Past tense of "sit."
  - Informal debt instrument.
  - Bounder.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT A PET



**Libby**

is a 1 year old Beagle mix. She is sweet and friendly and great with other dogs. This little girl is a snuggler. Libby would be a great family dog.



**Ranger**

is a wonderful, easy going guy. He is long, lean and handsome. This 4 - 5 year old dog has a great disposition and seems good with other dogs and kids.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

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5/21	56	29	0					
5/22	62	30	0	T-Storms	Partly Cloudy	T-Shower Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Oatmeal Carmelitas

Base:

2 cups all purpose flour or all purpose unbleached flour  
2 cups quick-cooking oats  
1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar  
1 1/4 cups butter, softened  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt

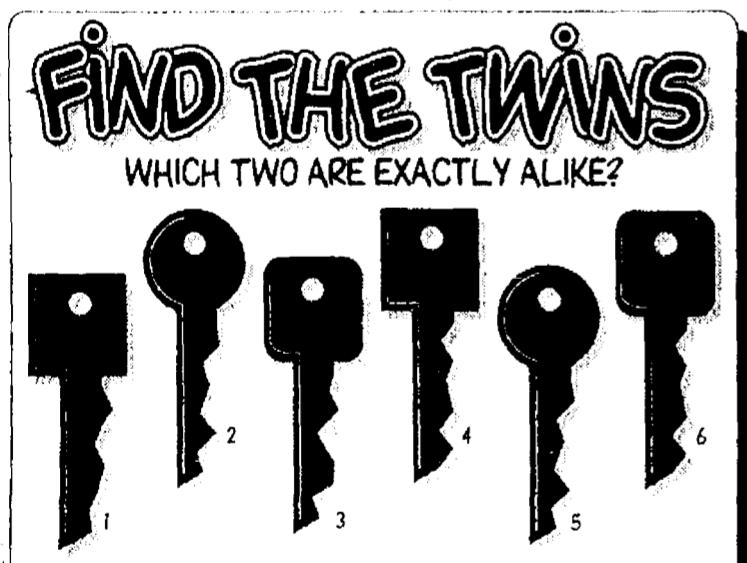
Heat oven to 350° F. Grease 13x9-inch pan with shortening, or spray with cooking spray. In large bowl, beat base ingredients with electric mixer on low speed until crumbly. Reserve half of mixture (about 3 cups) for topping. Press remaining mixture in bottom of pan. Bake 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine caramel topping and 3 tablespoons flour. Sprinkle chocolate chips and nuts over partially baked base. Drizzle evenly with caramel mixture; sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely in pan, about 1 hour. Refrigerate 1 hour or until filling is set. Cut into 6 rows by 6 rows. Store in tightly covered container.

Filling:

1 jar (12.25 oz.) caramel ice cream topping (1 cup)  
3 tablespoons all purpose flour or all purpose unbleached flour  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips (6 oz.)  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Makes 36 Bars

## Kiddie



**DID YOU KNOW ??**  
A person in Michigan is never more than 85 miles from open Great Lakes water and is never more than 6 miles from a natural water source.

## MAZE



It's time to go your own way and do your own thing. You've followed the lead of others for far too long. Step up and let the magic happen.

December 22-January 19



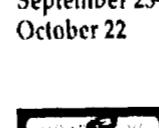
Too bad, Aries. A plan at work must be abandoned. The good news is you will now have more time to devote to other things. Like what is going on at home.



A confidence breach makes for an uncomfortable week at the office. Fortunately, Cancer, you are not involved. Be patient, and the situation will work itself out.



You've got a hunch, and you need to act on it now. A rare moment alone paves the way to unbridled bliss. Go where your heart leads.



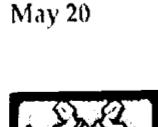
Wish life would return to normal, Scorpio? Don't look now, but that is exactly what is about to happen as a relative makes an amazing recovery. Bring everyone together to celebrate.

January 20-February 18



Ready for life to start kicking up, Aquarius? Good Celebrate the change of events with a party. A coworker edges you out of a project, don't worry. Something better will come later.

February 19-March 20



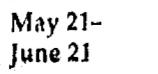
Efficiency is everything. Pursue projects in the most efficient way possible, and success will be yours. An e-mail tips you off to a friend's situation.

April 20-May 20



A financial risk is well worth taking. Go for it, Gemini. Party invites fill your mailbox. Don your dancing shoes and prepare to take a whirl with that special someone.

May 21-June 21



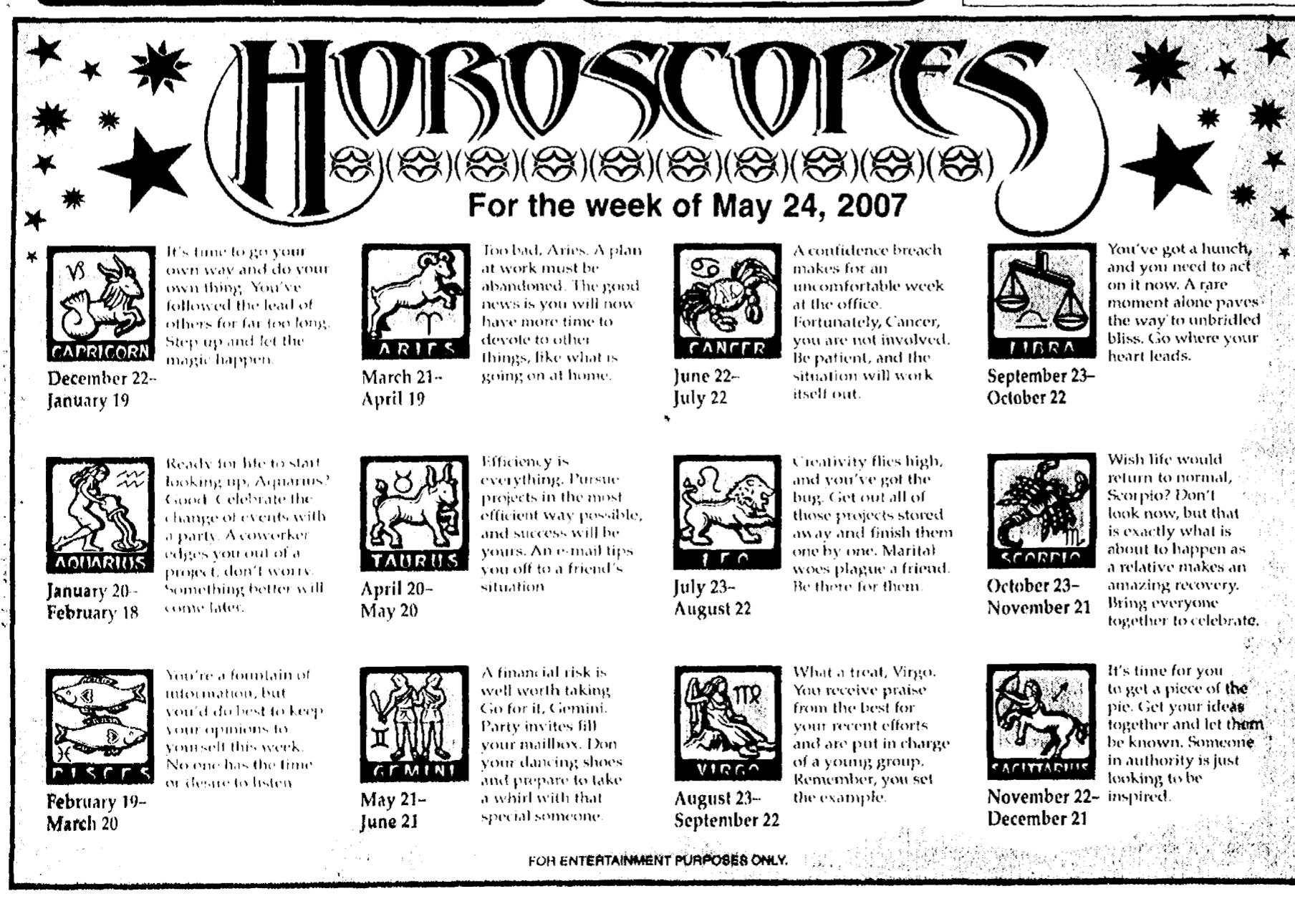
What a treat, Virgo. You receive praise from the best for your recent efforts, and are put in charge of a young group. Remember, you set the example.

August 23-September 22



It's time for you to get a piece of the pie. Get your ideas together and let them be known. Someone in authority is just looking to be inspired.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY.



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**Employment**

**HELP WANTED: STORE DETECTIVES** Part-time plain clothes store detective(s) needed for detection of shoplifters at a local retail grocery chain. Must have a high school diploma, college degree preferred; reliable transportation with ability to travel to various locations, work independently with limited supervision, pass a criminal background check and willing to work various hours. Starting pay is \$9/hr., depending on experience. Resumes/applications can be faxed to: DK Security, Attn: Brigid Kłodzinski at 616-656-4200 or download an application at [www.dkssecurity.com](http://www.dkssecurity.com) or mail to 5160 Falconview SE, Kentwood, MI 49512. (-24-31/3)

**NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION** Posting date: May 18, 2007. Position: Grayling High School Freshman Boys Basketball Coach. Qualifications: Basketball background in playing and/or coaching. Additional information available at 1135 North Old 27. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: May 31, 2007, 12 noon. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement.

**OPTHALMOLOGY OFFICE** seeking part-time Ophthalmic Tech for our Grayling office. Applicants with medical experience helpful, but will train right individual. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1665, Gaylord, MI 49734. (-24/3)

**RIVER HOUSE, INC.** Opening for Alternative to Abuse Program Group Facilitator. Master degree with one year of domestic violence work experience or Bachelor Degree with two years of domestic violence work experience. Position is a contracted position and requires approximately 3 hours (evenings) per week per group. 989-348-3169. (-24/3)

**DAWSON & STEVENS DINER** is searching for a few energetic, hardworking people to join their team. Please apply between 2 & 4, Monday - Thursday. Ask for Miss Annette. (-24-31/3)

**4. Services Offered**

**SEWING, ZIPPERS, MENDING** quilter. Ask for Lorrie (989)348-9349. (1/11/07f/4)

**RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT** all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04f/4)

**I CHARGE BY THE JOB** not by the hour. Yard work, raking, mowing, cutting wood, stacking wood, painting, washing windows, washing and waxing and detailing cars, trucks and vans. 989-348-5081. (LR 5/24/07/4)

**4. Services Offered****4. Services Offered**

**D. HAWES/DRIVERS TRAINING** Northern Driving School, currently providing driving instruction in Crawford County, is now taking reservations for upcoming classes. Grayling - September, November, January, March, May, and summer 2007. Segment I, \$240. Segment II, \$35. (989) 344-2470. (8/10/06f/4)

**PROFESSIONAL HEMMING** jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (4/5/07f/4)

**D. HAWES/DRIVER'S TRAINING** Northern Driving School is now putting together class lists for the following classes: Grayling: June and July; Roscommon: June and July; Mid-July/August. Call 989-344-2470 for details. (LR7/5/2007/4)

**GINGERICHL ELECTRIC** Sales/Service. Licensed, insured, residential, commercial, industrial, standby generators. Free estimates. 989-348-5355. (-10-17-24-31-7-14/4)

**POWER WASHING RV** Siding decks, gutters, boats. 989-348-5283. (-17-24/4)

**ARE YOU LOOKING** for someone to sit with your loved one? Elderly or disabled, not a problem. I have training. Call S.B. at cell, 989-217-0363. (-24/4)

**FREE REMOVAL** of unwanted cars and trucks, other miscellaneous scrap metal. 989-348-3514. (-24-31/4)

**5. For Sale**

**WOOD CARVERS BENCH** and tools, \$900. Very good condition. 989-275-6870. (-24-31/5)

**CABIN LOGS** rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR12/27/07/5)

**GARDEN SOIL** rich, black, fertile, will grow anything. Will deliver by the dump truck 10 yards. Small loads available 989-348-9233. (3/29/07f/5)

**BOAT FOR SALE** 1988 Bayliner 85 HP outboard, open bow, cover, galvanized steel trailer, some extras, runs great, in good shape, \$1,800. 989-390-2068. (-24/5)

**FOR SALE** Used gas dryer, propane. Call 989-348-7805. Works good, \$25.

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STILL TIME TO TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF OUR  
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ON HUNDREDS OF POTTED AND BALLED  
TREES & SHRUBS AT TREMENDOUS SAVINGS.  
HARDY NORTHERN GROWN STOCK.

Located 8 miles North of Roscommon on Old M-76 (S. Grayling Rd.) Northbound I-75 exit at 244 mile marker, turn left, 1 1/2 miles to blinker, then right 3 miles on Old M-76 (S. Grayling Rd.). Southbound I-75 take 251 mile exit. Turn South on Old M-27 to the Moose Club then left on S. Grayling Rd. for 1 1/2 miles.

**989-275-8491  
OPEN EVERY DAY**

9am - 5pm, except Tuesday & Wednesday

**4. Services Offered****5. For Sale**

**14 FT 1993 SMOKERCRAFT** Big Fisherman, live well. Electric start 25 HP Evinrude. Eagle fish finder, electric trolling motor, tilt trailer, \$2,900. 989-344-8032. (-17-24/5)

**MINNETONKA MOCCASINS & SANDALS** Big selection. Hartman's Fly Shop, Lovells. 989-348-9679. (5/3/2007f/5)

**FOR SALE** Thor Megamax 3001 Multi Station Gym, \$100. Nordic Rider Belly Cruncher, \$50. 989-348-2083. (-24/5)

**FOR SALE NEW BOWFLEX** Paid \$1,600, will sell for \$450, O.B.O. Call 989-348-6400, ask for Gayle. (sgf-17-24/5)

**CAMPER 1985 26 FOOT** Great for deer camp, \$2,500 O.B.O. 734-660-1256 or guyrn7@hotmail.com. (-17-24/5)

**NEW NORCO PRIMED INSULATED** double hung wood window, 6'3 1/2" x 5'7/8" rough opening with full screens, \$550 O.B.O. 989-344-8032. (-17-24/5)

**TOY POODLES** Two five month old males. AKC, all shots, breeder rights, \$200 or B.R.O. 989-379-4245. (-17-24/5)

**FOR SALE Jet Ski Lift** by Lakeshore, 7 yrs. old, good condition, Cash and Carry, only \$75. Call 989-348-3265 anytime. (-24/5)

**USED APPLIANCES** Portable dishwasher, several refrigerators, two upright freezers, washers and dryers. P&C Appliance Service, 989-348-0167. (-24/5)

**FOR SALE '01 Honda 80R,** \$975. 1977 Vélosolex mo-ped, \$200. 989-275-6946. (-24/5)

**FOR SALE 18' Ranger Bass boat** with trailer. 115 Mercury Outboard Minkota trolling motor with foot control. Three batteries, two of them new. Lowrance fish finder. Kept inside and used very little, \$10,000 O.B.O. 989-348-6782. (-24-31/5)

**2003 GULF STREAM TRAILER** 28 foot, never on the road. Used only 6 months. 989-348-3176. (-24/5)

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**6. Wanted**

**NEEDED** 12 people to lost 20 or more pounds in the next 30 days. Send \$5 plus an 9x12 self addressed \$1.75 stamped manila envelope for S/H to: Centurion Inc., P.O. Box 3190, Southfield, MI 48037. (-17-24-31/6)

**PROFESSOR WILL BUY** timber framing hand tools, chisels, mallets and draw knives for his class. 989-390-3673. (-24/6)

**7. Miscellaneous**

**FREE MILES** Receive 15 miles free on all local Penske truck rentals at Reasonable Rental in Roscommon. Just mention this ad. 989-275-5972. (LR10/4/2007/7)

**8. Announcements**

**CUSTOM SIGNS** lettering and banners for your business, truck or trailer. Color printing service, brochures, posters, newsletters, business cards. Call Pete Kocefas. 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268. (4/26/07f/8)

**9. Personals****9. Personals****Kristopher L. Curtis**

We are deeply sorry for the loss of your loved one. We are here to help you through this difficult time.

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**8. Announcements**

**FLEA MARKET** coming to Grayling. Hosted by Across The Block Auctions, you will be able to sell off those unwanted items. If you're interested in renting table space, call 989-390-4920 for the upcoming flea market! See you at the market! (-24/8)

**GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE** The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) is accepting applications for the 2007 common grant cycle. The common grant application deadline is June 30. Applications must be sent to the NCMCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707, and must be postmarked by the deadline date. Applicants may request up to \$1,000 for projects and programs in Crawford, Ogemaw, and/or Oscoda counties. \$300 mini-grants are also available. Interested applicants should visit [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org) to view requirements and obtain application packet or contact the NCMCF office at 877-354-6881. (-24/8)

**FAMILY GRIEF** or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06f/8)

**HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Ed and Marge Martella. Love, your children and grandchildren. (-24/8)

**THE CRAWFORD USABLE SCHOOL** District's Military Wall of Honor Ceremony, normally scheduled for Memorial Day at Grayling High School, has been moved to the Veteran's Day Assembly, tentatively scheduled for November 9, 2007. (-24/8)

**8. Announcements**

**MOVING/SPORTSMAN AUCTION** Sat. May 26, 10 a.m. Perry Creek Rd. & M-33 Mio. Furniture, clocks, sportsman, duck & fish decoys, guns, Snap-On tools, Dodge pickup, VW Beetle, boat, kayak, motorcycles, tractors & implements, coins and more. Watch Web site for pictures or call, Lets Talk Auction Company, 989-848-5158. [www.LetsTalkAuction.com](http://www.LetsTalkAuction.com). (-24/8)

**10. Garage Sales**

**OPAL HAMBLIN ESTATE SALE** at Higgins Lake, May 25, 26, 27 from 9-5. 426 Noric Drive between Birch Lodge and Lyon Township Hall on the west side of Higgins Lake. Jewelry, decorative, household items and dolls. (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** Benefit for River House. Friday & Saturday, May 25-26, 9-5. Kitchen and household items only. 1358 Maybelle Ave. Take 72 west, 3 miles from M-93. (-24/10)

**NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALES** May 24, 25, 26, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. North Park subdivision off Roberts Rd., Grayling. Camcorder, word processor, TV/VCR combo, gas dryer & venting, '78 records, antique high chair, depression glass, jewelry, vinyl pedestal recliner & ottoman, other furniture, baby & toddler clothes, weight bench, pitcher pump, bedding, Christmas items, shower door replacement glass, downhill & cross-country skis, rolling garden or garage cart, framed pictures, new "faux wood" 2" blinds & mini blinds (bring measurements), weight distribution hitch for trailer, and much more. (-24/10)

**5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE** Wednesday, 5/23 - Saturday, 5/26, 9-5. Dressers, computer, girls, boys, women's and men's clothing, Barbie's & toys galore. Grayling Mobile Estates, stay to the left. 112 Crestwood. (-17-24/10)

**MAY 26 & 27 9-5** 5261 Dort off S. Grayling Rd. Higgins Lake. Children's, women's, men's, furniture and collectables. (-24/10)

**HUGE 3 FAMILY** garage sale, 401 Lake St., 8-? May 25 & 26, name brand clothing, men's & women's, wreaths, bike, tools, baskets, pictures, purses, bedding, dishes, pots & pans, large quantity of nice quality items priced right. Don't miss this one! (-24/10)

**GUN CASE, JACUZZI TUB** new cover, forest green, misc. 3846 Jones Lake Rd., weekend. (-24/10)

**WOOD TOOLS** guns, clothes. Friday & Saturday, 4530 West 5 Mile, east of Old 27. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (-24/10)

**2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE** Sat. & Sun., 8-4. 301 Evergreen Drive (across from Skip's). Furniture, tools, fishing equipment, kitchenware, books. Just so much stuff! (-24/10)

**CORNER, 700 PLUM** and Lake, rain or shine, 9-5:30, Thursday - Monday. Crafts, sport cards, Beanies, books, Barbies, movies, games, albums, Elvis stuff, baby stuff, record player, sweeper, large roaster oven, blankets, lamps, maternity clothes, boy suits, men's T-shirts. (-24/10)

**MAY 25-27** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Baby items, kids clothes, adult clothes, home decor, books, china, furniture, microwaves, toys, etc. 606 North James (a.k.a. Cedar Motel). (-24/10)

**10. Garage Sales**

**YARD SALE** Furniture, bed and mattress, TV, clothing, lawn mower, children's toys and clothing, misc. 5/26 and 5/27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3547 Juniper Way. (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** 950 S. AuSable Trail. May 25-26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Furniture, kitchenware, clothing and lots of miscellaneous items. (-24/10)

**HARBOR BEACH ANNUAL** subdivision garage sale. Friday and Saturday, May 25 & 26, 9 to 5 p.m. West on M-72 from Grayling to McIntyre Landing Rd. Follow route camp to campground/boat launch. Turn into sub. on Battalion and also on Oakdale Dr. (-24/10)

**MAY 25-26, 9-5** GRAYLING west on M-72 to Arrowhead, one mile to Tamarack Circle, straight ahead to 1618 River Drive. Watch for signs. (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** May 26, 2007 only. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lots of misc. 2232 Danish Landing Road, Grayling. (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** 7732 W 4 Mile Rd. Saturday and Sunday, 9-5. Kids clothes, toys, lots of miscellaneous. (-24/10)

**HUGE MULTIFAMILY SALE** Something for everyone. Some antiques, Rittenhouse folding luggage rack, power tools, hand tools, ladders, furniture and misc. household items. Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 (if necessary), 10-5 both days. Corner of M-72 W and Goose Creek Rd. (-24/10)

**SOFA BED, END TABLE** table saw, ramps, tent, air mattresses, small freezer, tool bench, misc. 11140 Steckert Bridge Rd., Roscommon, Friday & Saturday, 9-6. (-24/10)

**HUGE SALE** Friday, May 25, May 26, 9-4. 2465 Danish Landing Rd. Consolidating two houses into one. (-24/10)

**MULTIFAMILY SALE** Lots of cool stuff. Furniture, seasonal items and lots of miscellaneous. N. Down River Rd. past Lovells Rd. (F-97) to Chalet Circle, right to Alpine Drive, right to 10377 Alpine Drive. May 24, 25, & 26. (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 8-5, 11 miles east of Grayling. 5139 M-72 East. Snowblower for tractor, archery, reloading, guns and lots of misc. household. (-24/10)

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**GARAGE SALE** Friday and Saturday, 10-4. Clothing, unique hand crafted items, miscellaneous items. (-24/10)

**MAY 25 & 26** 885 Manistee River Road, 9-3. (-24/10)

**162 W NORTH DOWN** 5 miles out. May 26, 27 & 28. Lady and kids clothes, Little Tikes bikes, toys. (-24/10)

**MAKE SOME BUCKS** bring your items to sell at Consign in Grayling, 6264 M-72 West or call 989-344-1629 for more info. (-24/10)

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**10. Garage Sales**

**GARAGE SALE** McIntyre Landing, M-72 West. Friday, May 25 to Saturday, May 26, 9-4. Patio table and chairs, antique dining table, child's clothing, girls ages 8 to 14, boys ages 11 to 16. Wood kitchen table and chairs, 2 sets boys golf clubs, 2 pair cross country skis, knick knacks. (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** May 26 9-5. 571 Banbury Subdivision before Mt. Hope Church on left. Furniture, baby stuff, baby clothes, 0-12 months, lots of miscellaneous. (-24/10)

**GRAYLING SDA SCHOOL YARD** sale. Sunday, Monday, May 27 & 28, 9-4. Furniture, keyboard, clothing, bicycle, treadmill. (-24/10)

**HUMONGOUS 3 FAMILY** yard/garage sale, Wednesday, May 23 - Saturday, May 26, 9-6. Everything must go. Yard swing, huge kitty condo, remote control hummer, scrapbooking items, tons more. 6571 Nottingham Drive. (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** May 24-27, 9 to 5 on 4946 Helen Drive, off Roberts Rd. Kids moving in and out, lots of everything. All types and sizes of clothing, especially guys T-shirts and pants, and teen daughters clothes. Men's and women's nursing scrubs, men's size 15 shoes/boots, microwave and stand, dressers, T.V.'s, word processor, books, toys and too much to mention! (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** Friday - Saturday, 7467 Balmes Trail, 8-4. South of 4 Mile, near Skyline Golf & Ski. (-24/10)

**4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE** Saturday, May 26, 9-2. 9152 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Margrethe. Household, shop tools, fishing items, radial arm saw, cement mixer, compressor, boats and accessories. (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** 221 Dale Street, north from North Down River Rd. Wednesday, May 23 thru May 29, 10-6. Men's and women's clothes, all very clean and nice. Sizes: small, medium and large. Linens, small electric appliances, mixer, new electric grill, etc. Portable dog house, antiques, rocker and ottoman, baby clothes and shoes (perfect condition), new jewelry. Lots of new ladies shoes and much more. Come & see. Great values! (-24/10)

**777 LITTLE JOHN** Friday and Saturday, 10-4. Clothing, unique hand crafted items, miscellaneous items. (-24/10)

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**MOVING SALE** May 25, 26, & 27, 8 to 4. 806 Elm Street. TV, CD's, cassettes, VHS, roller blades, LG computer desk, lawn trailer, big man's clothes, office desk and chair, metal cabinets, 16" & 16.5" tires on dud wheels, love seat/hide-a-bed, grinder, vac. Much, much more, rain or shine. (-24/10)

**ONGOING GARAGE SALE** 605 Galen, 10-2 daily. Lots of books. (-17-24/10)

**RUMMAGE SALE** May 25, 26, 27, & 28. Friday-Monday. 611 Chestnut. Men's clothing (all sizes), small women's, household, antique blue and white enamel table, few other antiques. (-24/10)

**HUGE 3 FAMILY** garage sale. Friday, May 25, 8-4 and Saturday, May 26, 8-3 at 1159 Ole Dam Road, Grayling. Furniture, bedding, household items. Tons of children's toys and clothes. Crib & mattress, TV's, VCR's, king mattress set, Pack n' Play playpen. Push mower and Gore Tex, hunting clothes. All items priced to go! (-24/10)

**YARD SALE** Friday, May 25, 9-5, Saturday, May 26, 9-3. 3 family. Baby clothes, maternity, household, miscellaneous. 507 Ogemaw Street. (-24/10)

**MULTIPLE FAMILY SALE** 504 Elm. Medium and large men's clothes, electrical supplies, clean miscellaneous items. Friday 8-8, Saturday, 8-3. (-24/10)

**KELLOGG'S PORCH SALE** North Down River Road & Kellogg's Bridge. Lots of cheap stuff. Friday, May 25, 9-5. Saturday, May 26, 9-5. Sunday, May 27, 9-12. On Sunday, everything is free. (-24/10)

**MAY 26, 27, 28** 345 Red Tailed Hawk Loop off Wilcox Bridge Rd, 9-6. Furniture, boy's clothes (up to 18 months), girl's (up to 4T), books, women's suits and much more. (-24/10)

**GARAGE SALE** 5/27 and 5/28, 9 a.m. until ? Computer desk, girl's clothes, infant up to all sizes, Kirby vacuum, T.V.'s, mattress, blankets, trampoline, camping gear, wind surfer, household items, musical instruments, baby items of all kinds, skis, animal cages, camper, too much more to list. 4900 Warner Drive off Wilcox Bridge, follow signs (rain date June 1, 2, 3). (-24/10)

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**SATURDAY, MAY 26** 9-3 p.m. 1666 Ole Dam Road. Lots of new miscellaneous stuff, clothes, toys, antique small table, Tyco train set and sports cards. (-24/10)

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